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Philippe started the meeting at 11:09 am. Philippe welcomed us all to New London CT after a two-year wait. He thanked everyone for traveling so far, and extended a special welcome to SPM. Mayi then presented them with patches and song books. Also a special welcome to Basque Government representatives Unai, Basque Delegate from New York, and to Benan who joined us via zoom.

On behalf of the New England Basque Club, Juan Mari thanked everyone for coming and runs down the schedule for the next two days. Anyone wishing to can try the trainera after the meeting, also meet tonight at the Hot Rod Café. He Invites everyone tomorrow to meet at the plaza at 9:30 am. There will have paella between 1pm-3pm, prepared by Elu, a professional chef coming from Florida. Music will be provided by Amerikanuak. Introduces Jeff and Charlotte whose shop is next to the plaza. They are board members of the club - honorary members who have been helping for a decade, who share their building and resources. They make their own beer and so they brought some samples to show us. Jeff then introduces a few sample beer cans they produced with the Safe Harbor Brewing with logos of some our Basque clubs. They have done this as a fundraiser for the NE club as well, shows us the New England Basque label beer. They can deliver to any venue. Needs 3-4 weeks to turn it around and organize the trucking company. Minimum order 60 cases. Best to order by the pallet = 60 cases - 24 beers to the case. They could do them by Keg too, design would be the tap handle.

Special welcome to Unai Telleria - delegate of the Basque Country from NYC. Unai says that he is very happy to meet everyone and is anxious to travel to the west coast to meet everyone else.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **NABO Officers**

President – Philippe Acheritogaray

Vice-President – Annie Gavica

Treasurer – Mayi Petrcek

Secretary – Kate Camino

### **NABO Administrators**

Euskara Coordinator – Sonia Castañon

Facilitator – Kate Camino



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Webmaster – Lisa Corcostegui

## Program Directors & Committee Chairpersons

Finance Committee – Mayi Petracek

Investment Committee – Mayi Petracek

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia

Education – John Ysursa - Excused

Euskara –Ziortza Gandarias

Mus – Pierre Etcharren

Pilota – Tony Huarte

Txerriki Contest Organizer – Valerie Arrechea

Udaleku – Valerie Arrechea & Kate Camino

Euskal Kantari Eguna – Anita Izoco & Noel Goyhenetche

## Board of Directors (delegates) Representing 42 NABO Member Organizations

### British Columbia

Zazpiak Bat: Vancouver                      Absent

### Quebec

Euskaldunak: Quebec                      Noël Fagoaga                      Benat Urrutia

### California

Bakersfield

Kern County Basque Club                      Louis Iturriria                      Bernadette Iturriria

Chino

Chino Basque Club                      Marianna Etcheverria                      Marianna Etcheverria proxy

Fresno

Fresno Basque Club                      Jean Pierre Etchechury                      Jean Pierre Etchechury proxy

Los Angeles

Oberena                      Mayi Petracek                      Mayi Petracek proxy



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Los Banos

Los Banos Basque Club

Christopher Bengochea

Christopher Bengochea  
proxy

Marin-Sonoma

Marin-Sonoma

Basque Association

Valerie Arrechea

Pierre Etcharren

Ontario

Southern California

Basque Club

Marie Schofield

Anne Marie Gariador

Rocklin

Iparreko Ibarra/Northern

Valley Basque Club

Katalin Etchamendy

Katalin Etchamendy proxy

San Francisco

Anaitasuna Basque Club

Marisa Espinal

Gina Espinal Aguerre

San Francisco Basque Club

Jean Pierre Elissetche

Pierre Etcharren

Basque Educational  
Organization

Marisa Espinal

Marisa Espinal proxy

San Francisco Basque  
Cultural Center

Valerie Arrechea

Pierre Etcharren

Susanville

Susanville Eskualdun Inc.

Dominica Zubillaga

Dominica Zubillaga proxy

Ventura County

Ventura County Basque Club

Mayi Petracek

Mayi Petracek proxy

**Colorado**

Denver Euskal Etxea

Mayi Petracek

Jone Brunelle



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## **Saint Pierre et Miquelon**

Euskal Etxea SPM

Edith Urtizberera

Sonia Borotra

## **Idaho**

Boise

Basque Museum &  
Cultural Center

Annie Gavica

Cindy Shaffeld

Basque Studies at  
Boise State University

Ziortza Gandarias

Nere Lete

Cenarrusa Foundation

Miren Artiach

Annie Gavica proxy

Euzkaldunak: Boise Basque  
Center

Argia Beristain

Argia Beristain proxy

Oinkari Basque Dancers

Annie Gavica

Annie Gavica proxy

Gooding

Gooding Basque Association

Sonia Castañon

Sonia Castañon proxy

Homedale

Txoko Ona Basque Club

Gloria Lejardi

Gloria Lejardi proxy

Mountain Home

Euskal Lagunak

Goisalde Jausoro

Goisalde Jausoro proxy

## **Nevada**

Battle Mountain

Battle Mountain Oberenak

Absent

Elko

Elko Euzkaldunak Club

Absent

Gardnerville

Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

Teresa Cox

Teresa Cox proxy



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Las Vegas Lagun Onak	Argia Beristain	Argia Beristain proxy
Paradise Valley Santa Rosa Basque Club	Annie Gavica	Annie Gavica proxy
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	
<b>New York</b> Euzko Etxea	Juan Legarreta	Juan Legarreta proxy
<b>Oregon</b> Ontario, Oregon Basque Club	Maria Tipton	Lisa Corcostegui
<b>Rhode Island</b> Portsmouth New England Basque Club	Roberto Guerenabarrena	Juan Mari Aramendi
<b>Utah</b> Basque Club of Utah	Sonia Castañon	Jean Flesher
<b>District of Columbia</b> Washington D.C. Euskal Etxea	Sam Zengotitabengoa	Sam Zengotitabengoa proxy
<b>Washington</b> Seattle Euskal Etxea	Nora Leech	Nora Leech proxy



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## Wyoming

Alkartasuna Basque Club                      Martin Goicoechea                      Mikaela Goicoechea

Big Horn Basque Club                      Mick Camino                      Mick Camino proxy

**Clubs not attending** – Zazpiak Bat Vancouver, Battle Mountain, Elko Euzkaldunak, and Winnemucca Basque Club.

**Basque Government Representatives in attendance**– Benan Oregi and from the Delegation of Euskadi in the US, Unai Tellerria.

**Guests** – David Lamoureux, Euskal Etxea SPM, and Ed Orbea, President, Boise Euzkaldunak.

**Quorum** - 38 out of 42 attending, simple majority is 39 or 76 delegates, and 2/3s is 51.

Philippe expressed our condolences to the Aguerre family on the passing of Elizabeth Aguerre, Mike's mother, Gina's mother in law, as well as Marie's aunt.

Minutes – Mayi had already provided Kate with changes to the minutes in her report from the San Francisco meeting, but explained those amendments to everyone present.

JP moves to accept minutes with amendments - seconded by Chris B.

All in favor - passes unanimously.

Mayi treasure report – refer to committee reports - She reminds everyone to donate to Udaleku. She also explained that she and Ziortza determined that Sonia had not been paid correctly for some time, and so there was a one-time payment to her. We have not received grant monies for 2022 yet, and so the year to date loss of \$36,000 is an unrealized loss on the portfolio. When we get grant money, our loss should diminish significantly. Significant payments since February, Owl, salary payments and travel reimbursements, CPA fees, Udaleku and Bertsolari event. Upcoming salary and travel payments and International Mus expenses.

Jean moves to accept treasurer report and JP seconds - passes unanimously.

Investment committee report – NABO has lost \$20k but has improved slightly from June to July - Not really a loss because we have not pulled any money out. If we take funds out it is



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a realized loss. This is to be expected when you invest in stocks. Therefore, in January it was decided to move to a moderate growth momentum strategy. It was decided to take cash and invest in the stock market. That leaves us with about 70% funds protected in a cash fund. JAG moved all of their funds from LPL to Charles Schwab because they have more investment opportunities and lower fees. A special meeting was held on Monday to talk about Udaleku. Valerie will talk more about that in her report. This committee also reviews applications for financial aid for youth programs. Those funds come from the Aita Tillous fund. Two participants took advantage of this opportunity this year

Philippe thanks Mayi

Philippe lets everyone know that we have met Quorum - 38 out of 42 member organizations present and 76 delegates so simple motion requires 39 and 2/3s is 51. He thanks everyone for coming to New London as well as for providing proxies. There are two quorums that we have to meet, the number of members and the number of delegates

Basque Government - Benan - He would like to make a few comments about the Day of the Basque Diaspora. It has created a lot of interest in the Basque Country and among Basque communities abroad. This year the institutional event will take place in Donibane Garazi with Rene Etchegaray and Lehendakari Urkullu with the Mayor of Garazi. It will take place in the market place and will include an exhibit on the Diaspora. The event will be open to the public. Lisa shares the slides of the exhibit. There will also be a special mention of Basques from Iparralde. Singers and music from the area will be featured. All clubs are invited to participate online, or if you are going to be in the area in person, please RSVP. South San Francisco is a sister city with Donibane so a special mention of that relationship will be mentioned on the 10th anniversary of that agreement. Please send information regarding events organized in the US for September 8th. There have been more than 150 events from around the world in the past.

Gaztemundu is also back after 2 years. Application period is opened and deadline to apply is September 9th. The program will be December 3-20th for participants between 18-35. There is not a special topic, but a general introduction of the Basque Country, culture, history etc. meetings with cultural players. He urged us to find participants. To date they have only received 1 application, and there are 20 spots this year. Applications have to be submitted in Spanish and Basque but video, the individual project, can be in English or French.



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PostDoc in the Basque Diaspora/Euskal Diasporaren Gradu Ondokoa. Last year, 25 people participated in the program the this year's program begins in October running through May. The program is split into 2 groups, one for people with degrees, and the second will be shorter and more general for Basque club members with or without a degree. This is good for anyone wishing to learn more about the Basque Diaspora. It made a big impact last year, and they would like everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. The cost is 300 Euros for the year. Participating professors are from universities from all over. The main language is Spanish, but some lessons are also in English if like last year.

Grants – The deadline for the 2022 Basque Government grants was May 9, 2022. They had reviewed most by July, but not all. They are trying to reach applicants missing information. Last year they received 63 applications but this year they receive 73. Most clubs are now back to normal and planning for big events, and so they have run out of money easily and are now reconsidering amounts before they are definitely signed. Clubs will justify their grant expenses through the Euskal Etxeak website as before.

He was in SPM and he was surprised to find such a prominent Basque community there. They will start a new relationship with the island and Benan invites everyone to visit SPM because it is worth the trip. They are doing a great job. There is a direct flight from Paris to the island, once a week during the summer. It is more complicated from the states. He would like to introduce us to Unai.

Unai Tellerria –He lets us know that he is available this weekend for any questions we may have. He is the delegate for the US, but they are also working on a delegation in Montreal. Emakunde has put together a two-weekend course for Basque clubs on how to manage Basque clubs in the gender perspective. They would like to share it in the US and Canada.

Philippe explains that NABO has been working with the Basque Government since 1981. He goes on to say that there will be a lunch break at 10am PST, and 1pm EST.

Please refer to committee reports -

Mus - NABO finals were held on June 18th in Chino, CA had 31 teams from 29 clubs – The 1st place team was from the Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba and will represent NABO in Boise. Last year's winners were supposed to go to Chile but that got too complicated, so those



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winner's are going to go to Boise instead, not this year's 2nd place team. He hopes Gooding isn't too upset.

Jr. Mus - great to see so many youth taking interest in Mus. Clubs are holding more and more tournaments. Great tournament in Gardnerville and another one in San Francisco this weekend. Pierre asks how many clubs held a Jr. Mus tournament. Crickets...

International Mus in Boise - October 8-16th. 10 teams coming from 8 countries - listed in the report. Chile has 2 teams because they won in 2019. There hasn't been any news from Australia or Venezuela, so it looks like Mus is dying there. Uruguay and Belgium can't make it this year either.

Pierre thanks the committee for their hard work and shares what the tour will look like over the 8 days. If it were not for the USA there wouldn't have been an international Mus this year.

It had been decided to hold NABO finals the day before Father's Day so tournaments have to take place from Father's Day to Father's Day. Currently there are two clubs on the same weekend.

Pierre moves to open Mus season from June to June - Teresa seconds - no further discussion - all in favor passes unanimously.

Philippe thanks Pierre for all of his efforts.

Euskara - Ziortza & Sonia - Presentation divided into 4 blocks - refer to committee report. Decided to use a new tool, New tool Dubsado that is going well so far.

Sonia - recaps last year's progress and thanks Nere and Ziortza for providing the teacher workshops from Oct-April - Irakasleen Txokoa. Amber Hoye also presented Google Classroom to the teachers.

Ziortza met with Kinku to talk about Euskara Munduan. Ziortza says Etxepare was very supportive of what we are doing here.



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We also had students participate in the continuous reading of Martutene by Ramon Saizarbitoria.

They are asking for our input on what we should charge students wanting to learn Euskera. Sonia would like to open discussion on this, proposes \$100 per semester = 24 hours of class so less than \$5 per lesson.

Ziortza talked to a club yesterday, and the way they are doing it works, so they will leave that alone. San Francisco provides members benefits and so that is up to each club. They could provide discount codes to members if they would like. To have everything ready for this fall, we need to have a plan.

Marisa - \$100 per student to pay for the class.

Mayi - teachers already get \$504 per class from the grant. Some clubs have used tuition payment to offset expenses instead of paying the teacher. Considering changing teacher compensation to pay them directly.

Philippe - is 24 hours 12 2-hour classes?

Sonia also includes an hour of homework or self-study totaling 36 hours. Currently cost is up to each club or teacher. Some don't charge, while others charge up to \$175 with member discounts. Has seen people from abroad enrolling in classes, as well as places without a NABO club is that a concern? Even some teachers are not affiliated with a club.

Philippe this fee would make it more uniform.

Kate adds that making the fee uniform also standardizes the courses.

Teresa - who is paying whom?

Ziortza the money is coming from Etxepare who pays teachers to support their efforts. The program allows discount codes to provide member benefits.

Annie why are we trying to make this uniform if membership fees aren't?

Philippe - These are only for classes paid 100% by NABO.



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Roberto does Euskara have a mission statement?

Sonia working on a handbook where that would be included. We are not close to reaching A1 with our program.

Roberto - looking into the American Council of Teaching Foreign Languages instead of the foreign model? That statement includes objectives so we can see forward progress. Teaching language and culture and that makes a big difference too.

Ziortza great point, but we are using materials from the Basque Country. Ziortza agrees with the chat as well as with Kate's point of view, so Ziortza wants to open a discussion to find a perfect balance. Maybe we should meet with the committee and some club members for an open meeting.

Marisa – What materials are being used for in person classes, or online classes, are they different?

Ziortza – We use Euskara Munduan, and use same materials regardless. The only difficulty they are having lately is finding teachers in the communities. This is why they are promoting more online courses, because of the lack of teachers.

Philippe - maybe a good idea to take this back to the Euskera committee to discuss further. There is a timeline constraint, but the committee could hold a special meeting inviting other interested people to participate. Delegates today, could authorize the committee to decide on the fee in that meeting.

Enrique moves to defer to the Euskera committee to determine fees and invite other interested people - Jean amends to include a mission statement discussion - What is the goal of NABO Euskera.

Philippe sees a disconnect here. He feels that a mission statement is a high level move, but Philippe thinks a syllabus should be included with fees, and what would be expected from the student.

Roberto, maybe the goals are different? Feels that the mission statement is important. Philippe feels that these are separate issues.



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Ziortza - part of the problem is that students have different goals. Teachers have one idea of why they are teaching, while students have other plans. She feels like this is a committee conversation.

Philippe – repeats the motion for the Euskara Committee to have the fee conversation, as well as look at a mission statement.

More discussion ensues...

Marisa seconded original motion - amendment would include the mission statement. All in favor - passes unanimously.

Delegates will be made aware of the meeting, and will be allowed to join.

Ziortza added that Madalen Beiter will be a new elementary Basque teacher on the team.

Ziortza thanked everyone, and we thanked her in return.

Lunch Break - Resumed at 1:42 EST

John Ysura could not make the meeting today but his education report is in the packet for your review

Philippe asked Lisa to talk about the webmaster report.

Webmaster Report - Lisa sad there are about 1000 pages on the website, mainly Asteros, but there is a lot of stuff there. There is also a YouTube Channel that includes dance videos. She says our biggest hits continue to be Basque baby names. She has another Udaleku video to be digitized and added. Where did Pedroarena's videos go? Talks about adding Pedroarena's videos to the website if we could locate those and digitize them.

Sonia – she noticed that the Euskera page is blank so she would like to include new information there.

Lisa – said it was outdated so she took it down.



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Facilitator Report – Kate applied for the Basque Government Grant on behalf of NABO and our first estimated award is 48,215 Euros out of the 50,000 maximum, awarded to federations. She is happy since that is pretty close to the maximum amount. Benan said they are reviewing what final awards may be. She thanks everyone for continued support of Astero, and sending club news every week.

Calendar Report – Mary Lou says that calendars will be ready for pick up at fall meeting - Saturday November 5th. She will also get the east coast clubs 2022 calendars. Out of the 900 ordered, 799 calendars sold. She is going to leave the order at 900 so if we run out we run out. The price of the calendar will stay the same, and she said that folks liked the NABO schedule pull out and club features too.

Euskal Kantari Eguna – NABO's 2022 Euskal Kantari Eguna will take place in conjunction with Rocklin's fall festival on October 8, 2022. A newsletter is forthcoming with the festival schedule. They encourage everyone to come out and participate.

Pilota – Tony shared slides from the delegate packets, featuring photos from various pilota events this year. NABO finals took place in Elko during their picnic. There was a good turnout with local players. He thanked Elko for hosting the NABO finals, and thanked Boiseko Pilota Eskola for their efforts. He had a nice showing at San Inazio, and they played a game at Mountain Home in August too. He reported on the events left for the rest of the year. NABO finals will almost definitely be held in Boise, not just men, but youth and women too. They will have pilota in Chino next weekend too at Aphetsetche trinketa, and he thanked Denis Petrissans for his efforts too. They are planning an exhibition handball game on September 24th in Grand Junction, CO. They have been working on this for a couple of years. He thanks Mayi for her help and this event will also be a tribute to Jean Urruty who built the court in the late 70s. It was almost torn down in the 90s, but feels it's important to hold events there every once in a while to keep it going.

Mayi – Currently there is one club in Colorado located in the Denver area. Grand Junction used to have a larger community in the western slopes. She explains that the older generation is reluctant to continue the club's and the new generation is hesitant to pick up the ball and run with it. Mayi thought it would be fun to have an event at the plaza and fronton. Tony has put together an exhibition pilota match and was also hoping to find a dance group to come too. Etcharts will donate the lamb for the BBQ and so cost of lunch is



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\$20. You can get to Grand Junction from Salt Lake City or from Denver. It will be an opportunity to honor some of the Basques in the area.

Philippe - Grand Junction was one of NABO's charter members of NABO

Tony added that the World Pilota Championships will be in Biarritz in October, and some NABO folks will be participating representing the US. This tournament is held every four years.

Miren Artiach added that Mr. Urruty was quite a promoter, Pierre added that Mr. Urruty also supported Udaleku financially.

Philippe thanks Tony for bringing such positive energy to Pilota

Txerriki - 2023 will be the resurgence of Txerriki at NABO convention in Los Banos in May of 2023. Toying with the idea to include Gateau Basque

Udaleku - refer to committee report. This year was the first post-COVID camp with Kern County Basque Club hosting, with eighty-seven kids from 12 different clubs participating. Thanks everyone for their support. She highlighted the art project the kids did and what a successful activity that was. Special thank you to the World Pilota Council. Paid for instructors' airfare and sent materials. Lessons from first post-COVID camp, make sure everyone invited has been fully vaccinated. Make sure to check the rules before their arrival. Had a glitch with the txistu teacher, but luckily Caroline Chiramberro and Valerie were able to cover that gap. There were about 10-15% of campers who came down with COVID. Luckily, there were no serious cases. She recommends keeping camp at 10 days until we get a better feel for what COVID will look like in a year. The sample budget is off since things cost more since our last camp. Even if Udaleku ended in the red, about \$3,000, the finance committee decided it was a worthy investment. Valerie saw a resurgence of enthusiasm in the youth, excited about being Basque. Still a good investment in Udaleku because these kids come to your picnics or your community in the future etc. Even if your club doesn't have kids that participate in camp, your community will benefit by these kids, so important for everyone to support it. When surveyed, the kids' favorite activity was Mus.

Udaleku 2023 – Boise Euzkaldunak has agreed to host camp concluding on San Inazio weekend. Switching between Idaho and Nevada to not conflict with Jaialdi. Dates and cost TBD.



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She held a Flash Mus Tournament in Gardnerville that was very successful, will do it again this weekend in San Francisco. Maybe take it down to 20 points for kids so it doesn't take so long. Also, Valerie hopes to put together an online txistu class and so is looking at a test group to see how it goes. In order for txistu to continue and make progress they need to find a way to make it more consistent that just once a year at Udaleku. Hope to put together a txistu band for May NABO convention.

Teresa - comment on benefit of kids at picnic. Kids danced all night long. Always a benefit to your club even if your community does not have kids participating.

Valerie - Udaleku rotates among regions. So even if your club is not hosting, you can feel free to help the hosting club. Host club is not responsible for all costs but hope they seek donations and grants. The Grace Mainvil scholarship is aimed at kids in last year of Udaleku. It has not been awarded, but it has not been forgotten.

Mayi - in the financial package you'll see expenses itemized costs for Udaleku, this is broken out to give delegates a better picture of the true cost of Udaleku.

Philippe thanks both Kern County and Boise for taking on the Udaleku challenge in this environment.

Music - refer to report. Mikaela - Foku Musikala is coming back hoping to stockpile them so it is always ready to go. The Spotify account is going strong featuring various instruments, genres, artists etc. She wants to create a playlist of songs helpful in learning Basque as a resource for both students and teachers. She also wanted to point out the Boiseko Taupada Spotify that has a ton of playlists. You can search Taupada Irratia on Spotify. Links are all in her report.

Sonia - We used your playlists at our wedding and they also play them while making tripota.

Philippe congratulates Mikaela on her successful Basque immersion this year.

Ateak Ireki – Argia, the latest is that they want to be able to do it again, at the end of June of 2023. Hope to have more information by November. Normal time frame would be



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registration in February/March of event late June, early July. More information will be provided in the fall.

50th Anniversary Committee - Kate summarizes committee - The committee met and had a very productive meeting. Congratulations to Los Banos for putting together a great program, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. NABO contribution will be honoring a number of folks who have been involved over the years. Iñaki will put together an exhibit on the weekend, and Argitxu will do a lecture on the history of NABO. More details will be provided as it gets closer. If anyone has ideas, or other things they would like to see included, please let Kate know.

Philippe reminds us that both Pierre and Miren Artiach were at the first meeting 50 years ago in March of 1973, thank you for being on the call today, 50 years later.

Old Business - Noel Fagoaga is going to talk about the Soka Dantza exhibit.

Noël - quick update on the Soka Dantza was supposed to happen in 2020 but will happen in 2022. It is an exhibit created by EuskalKultura Erakundea. Adapted the exhibit to fit in a smaller room, and it includes photos, banners, and a database on the history of dance. Two small studios with video screenings. Will take place during Quebec - Euskal Herri exchange program through Etxepare, in two weeks. From Soka they have put together many activities this fall, including pilota, food and dancing.

Six seats open on the Trainera to see how it works. After today's meeting meet in the lobby if you would like to give it a try. They are happy to show you how it works. If you have any questions, please reach out to them. Soka is portable and meant to travel, so please let him know if your club would be interested in hosting it.

Philippe recaps the Bertsolari event in March at the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. Event to honor local US Bertsolaris, and also included Bertsolaris from the Basque Country. Had a great NABO feel with Kate and Mayi helping, along with Todor Azurtza and Mercedes Mendive. Philippe thanks member organizations that made it happen. Sponsorship from Basque Government and the Basque Cultural Institute in Uztaritze – Franxua Bidaurreta's idea to honor bertsolaris. Michael Bidart also helped a lot and organized performances in Southern California.



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New Business - *Bertsolaritzari Arnasa Berritu Amerikan* (Give New Breath to Bertsolaritza in America) Proposal – BEO - Marisa says important to honor folks while they are able. Even in March, two of the Bertsolaris were not able to participate due to their age. They propose putting together a Bertsolaritza program with Martin as director. Hopes to continue Bertsolaritza in the US. Three-pronged approach to aid in not losing this art form in the US. An international event (virtual) could be hosted by any club; a local event, much like Mus events currently; and the third prong would be a Bertso School. Martin would serve as the director; Todor would be the teacher, and could potentially become part of the Music Committee with Mikaela overseeing organization of it.

Martin explains how it came to him from Franxua Bidaurreta. He feels that it is worth keeping Bertsolaritza alive, as it is one of the oldest arts in Basque culture.

Todor also explains that he feels that there was a need and a hole to be filled. He also thanks the Center in Boise for hosting the school.

Anne Marie Gariador moves to create the *Bertsolaritzari Arnasa Berritu Amerikan* Program with Martin Goicoechea as the director, JP Elissetche seconds - all in favor - passes unanimously.

Bizi Emankorra Presentations - Today we are honoring members of the New England and Quebec Basque Clubs. These individuals have contributed to both their local clubs' and NABO successes.

Juan Mari has been the anchor of the New England Basque Club for many, many years. He has traveled with Herri Kirolak as well as served as club president for year.

Roberto Guerenabarena has been Juan Mari's right hand man.

Juan Mari also mentioned another person who has worked very hard in this area from Quebec but has worked hard to share the Trainera for example.

Philippe is still working on logistics to present Mary Lou and Miren their awards.

Elections – Officer elections always take place at the NABO Convention summer meeting.



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Chris moves to continue with incumbents Gina seconded. All in favor - passes unanimously. Philippe will serve as NABO President for another year, along with Mayi as NABO Treasurer.

Future meetings -

Fall November 5th Homedale & Ontario

2023 Winter SLC January 28th

50th Anniversary on May 19th in Los Banos

Discussed combining NABO Convention with Jaialdi again to make it easier for dance groups etc. as we did in 2010 and 2015. Concerns were presented from the Boise side, but Ed Orbea said they would be happy to host the meeting in 2025.

Miren Artiach, added that she is so touched to see this organization operating in this manner. She is so thankful to everyone who has made it what it is today.

It was suggested that all the links mentioned in today's meeting be placed somewhere central

Gloria - November 5th meeting Morcilla dinner in Boise that night.

Mayi moved to adjourn meeting and Anne Marie Gariador seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm EST.