

MINUTES FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL  
MEETING OF NORTH AMERICAN BASQUE ORGANIZATIONS, INC. - August 17, 1974

February 13, 1975

PRESENT:

Jim Ithurralde, Elko  
Al Erquiaga, President, Boise  
Pierre Etcharren, San Francisco  
Dorothy Aldecoa, Boise  
John Madariaga, Reno  
Janet Inda, Reno  
Bob Goicoechea, Elko

Jay Hormaechea, Boise  
Manuel Barainca, Ely  
Gil Ordogui, Ely  
Jacques Unhassobiscay, San Francisco  
Eugene Gastanaga, guest  
Jon Bilbao, guest  
-Miren E. Artiach, Secretary, Boise

The second annual meeting of North American Basque Organizations, Inc. held on Saturday, August 17, was called to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. by President Al Erquiaga of Boise. The meeting was held in the conference rooms of the Reno Coliseum in conjunction with the other scheduled activities of the annual Reno Basque festival.

MINUTES. The first order of business to come before the official delegation was the reading of the minutes from the previous annual meeting held on Saturday, August 18, at Louie's Basque Corner in Reno. As no corrections were cited, the minutes were approved as read by Secretary, Miren Artiach.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Due to last minutes membership fees received from various member organizations, Jim Ithurralde, Treasurer, was unable to present the membership with a printed financial report. Those organizations who had paid their 1974-75 dues were acknowledged, and recent expenditures were also cited. Delegates were assured that they would be mailed an up-to-date financial report reflecting dues received and disbursements made for the records of their particular member organizations.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION. Bob Goicoechea, acting agent for the corporation, reported to the membership that the articles of incorporation for North American Basque Organizations, Inc. were filed with the Office of the Secretary of State of Nevada on April 19, 1974. The final papers filed did reflect all changes and amendments suggested by the delegates at the first annual meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP. It was pointed out that certificates of membership discussed at prior meetings had been neglected. As the delegates could not decide whether or not individual membership cards should be issued in quantity to the members of particular member clubs, Janet Inda volunteered to investigate possible forms for the certificate evidencing membership in North American Basque Organizations, Inc.

NEWSLETTER. The first official newsletter of North American Basque Organizations, Inc., Alkarte'ko Barriak, was published by Secretary, Miren Artiach, in June, 1974. Future methods of distribution for the newsletter were brought up for discussion. A majority of the delegates felt that it would be more efficient to have the individual member clubs set up their own methods and policies for distributing the newsletter. This procedure would assure that current mailing addresses would be used.

Members were urged, at this point, to send Jim Ithurralde the official count of the membership in their particular organization so that dues could be properly assessed.

To close discussion of the newsletter, a motion was made by Bob Goicoechea and seconded by Gil Ordogui that future issues of the North American Basque Organizations, Inc. newsletter be sent to secretaries of the respective member organizations to be distributed in a manner they see fit. The NABO Treasurer would then reimburse each club for postage spent in distributing the newsletters upon the filing of a reimbursement claim. The motion passed unanimously.

DUES. Bob Goicoechea, Elko, proposed that the discussion of dues be postponed until it was decided what activities NABO would take on during the coming year. After general discussion, it was agreed by the majority that June 1 would remain as the date when dues would become payable. These dues paid on June 1 would apply to the prior year.

The question was raised as to whether an initiation fee would be assessed a second time if a particular member organization were to leave the federation for a given length of time and then wish to rejoin. It was agreed that the Board of Directors should be free to make this decision for a particular organization if the situation were to arise.

NORTH AMERICAN BASQUE ORGANIZATIONS, INC. DIRECTORY. Miren Artiach, Secretary, proposed that each member organization submit a current mailing list for all officers and key individuals in their particular organizations. The information obtained from each member club would then be compiled annually into an official NABO directory. Such a directory would facilitate communication among members of the federation. The proposal was approved and necessary forms were given to the delegates for completion.

ALTERNATING DELEGATES. To insure continuity in the business of NABO, it was discussed by President Al Erquiaga that each of the clubs should consider appointing delegates to North American Basque Organizations, Inc. on an alternating basis. The delegates were urged to recommend this proposal to the Boards of their respective clubs for decision.

COMING ACTIVITIES. Suggestions were solicited from the floor as to what the various delegates would like to see NABO accomplish in the coming year. Jon Bilbao, guest from the Basque Studies Program of the University of Nevada, was asked to present some of the various cultural possibilities.

Mr. Bilbao announced that he would be leaving for a 4-month stay in the Basque country and that he would be willing to investigate Basque cultural and academic opportunities for the federation if it were the wish of the NABO delegates.

It was motioned by Bob Goicoechea and seconded by Jacques Unhassobiscay that NABO formally request that Jon Bilbao explore the possibilities of a Basque art exhibit in the major cities of the U.S. and also the probability of a Basque music or dance instructor for members of NABO. Upon Mr. Bilbao's return, a report of feasible proposals would be submitted to the President. The motion received unanimous approval.

It was also motioned that formal invitations be extended to Boise State University and the University of Reno to send non-voting, ex-officio representatives to future meetings of NABO. The motion passed without dissenting vote.

Other possibilities proposed for NABO involvement were a package program of Basque entertainment for Bicentennial celebrations in the West during 1976, and a major Basque literary publication with cultural and historical merit.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1974-75. In order to proceed with scheduled activities of the Reno Basque festival, the meeting of NABO was recessed by President Al Erquiaga after the election of officers for the coming year. The meeting was then scheduled to resume at an early evening hour.

With the proper procedures, the following officers were elected by the membership to serve for the coming year: Jim Ithurralde, Elko, President; John Madariaga, Reno, Vice-President; Janet Inda, Reno, Secretary; and Dorothy Aldecoa, Boise, Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES. At the resumption of the meeting, the new Board of Directors was asked by the membership to appoint various standing committees. It was agreed that one standing committee which should be initiated without delay is a Bicentennial Committee to investigate the possibilities of a packaged program of Basque entertainment for 1976 activities in the Western states.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITY CLARIFICATIONS. It was clarified for the membership that the particular organization from which the President is elected is entitled to have two official delegates to NABO besides the President.

The President has the authority to select a secretary of his choice. Unless that person is an official delegate from a member club, he or she shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors of NABO.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING. After discussion by the delegates appraising facilities in their particular areas, it was motioned by John Madariaga and seconded by Gil Ordogui that NABO hold its third annual meeting in Elko, Nevada on July 5 and 6, 1975 in conjunction with the annual Basque festival. The motion received unanimous approval from the delegation.

Before closing the meeting, the newly-elected President Jim Ithurralde asked for the establishment of a daily meal allowance in conjunction with official meetings of NABO for the President and his Secretary. It was approved without dissent that the daily meal allowance would be up to \$15 for these two officers and that NABO would also reimburse them for travel and room expenses incurred. Travel would be round-trip coach air fare to the meeting site or 15¢ per mile if the officer were to choose to use his own vehicle.

ADJOURNMENT. Upon a motion for adjournment made by John Madariaga and seconded by Janet Inda, the second annual meeting of North American Basque Organizations, Inc. was dismissed at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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