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North American Basque Organization, Inc.

MINUTES FOR CONFERENCE MEETING OF N.A.B.O. INC.
FEB. 21, 1975

Present:

Jim Ithurralde, Pres. Elko
Bob Goicoechea, Elko
Manual Barainca, Ely
Gilbert Ordoqui, Ely
Pierre Etcharren, San Francisco
Jacque Unhassobiscay " "
Janet Inda, Sec., Reno
Dorothy Aldocoa, Treas., Boise

Julio Bilbao, Alternate, Boise
Irene Anderson, Reno
Leon Etchemendy, Reno
Don Mendiola, Guest
John Jaurequito, Guest
Dr. W. Douglas, Guest Speaker
Prof. Jon Bilbao, Guest
Brian Wardle, Guest
John Ybarra, Guest

The conference meeting of the North American Basque Organization, Inc. held on Sat. Feb. 21, 1975 was called to order by Pres. Jim Ithurralde of Elko. The meeting was held in the River Room of the Holiday Hotel.

Minutes: The first order of business was the reading of the minutes from the annual meeting held in Reno during the August Festival on Aug. 18, 1974. A slight correction was made in the name of the U. of N. at Reno, not U. of Reno, on page 3, paragraph 3, line 2. The minutes were then passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Aldocoa gave the financial report and expenditures for the previous year. The balance stands at \$3,443.88. This reflects expenditures incurred up to this meeting. The Treasurer's report was past without correction.

Vice President: The office of Vice President was vacant due to the resignation of John Madariaga. After some discussion Leon Etchemendy was nominated and elected V. Pres. for the remainder of this term of office.

Incentive Program: Pres. Jim brought up the idea of some type of incentive program to get other clubs to join NABO. Julio Bilbao made the suggestion we make an associate membership for some of these small clubs that can't financially belong to NABO or send delegates to our meetings. In order to get more clubs to join, it was felt, we should know and be able to present some type of program to interest these clubs into joining. Gil Ordoqui suggested that a Representative be sent to all the member clubs as well as the non-member clubs with these ideas. Pres. Jim said he would like to visit all the clubs in the next coming months to offer these clubs something. A suggestion was made that NABO pay for one delegate from the non-member clubs to one of our meetings to see and get first hand what we are trying to do. Another suggestion was that the established clubs try and get clubs started in other areas where there is interest. It was noted that before this happens it should be looked into whether this area can afford a club and if enough people are interested and willing to work.



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Some of the ideas that were mentioned were to bring 2 Bertsolaris over and have them perform at each club. As the discussion progressed it was decided that not enough people would be able to understand the Bertsolaris and we should also try to bring a musician over with them. Louis Camblor's name was brought up and everyone seemed to agree that he would be the logical one. Also discussed for next year was bring an Art Exhibit over not only to tour the Basque areas but all over the US.

Bill Douglas said that the U.N. Basque Studies was trying to get together a display of artafacts from the Old Country to bring over but that won't be possible for a couple of years yet. Bill also mentioned trying to put a module together that won't need a speaker that could travel around to different areas that could include a set of slides, tapes with explanations and books that could be looked at.

Bob Goicoechea also asked if there would be any way or interest in setting up a mail order catalog for the purpose of getting Basque items to people in this country. It would be an enormous task and one that NABO couldn't take on this year but an idea for future projects. At this time the discussion was delayed to give the delegates a chance to think about it.

VOICE of the BASQUE: Pres. Jim introduced Brian Wardle from the Voice of the Basque newspaper and John Ybarra a salesman, for the paper. The delegates expressed their heartfelt thanks for starting such a paper and praise for the many good things it contains. Brian went on to tell the delegates how the paper started and his ideas and ideals for the coming years ahead. A motion was made and passed unanimously that NABO would use the Voice of the Basque as our official newspaper. Also passed was a motion to buy a subscription to the Voice of the Basque for the Sec. file.

Letters from delegates: The sec. read a letter from Jean Urrity of Grand Junction, Colorado. In the letter Jean expressed his good wishes for continued success of NABO and of his hope that we can continue our heritage for our children and their families. He is a very proud man and not ashamed of his heritage and he feels that all of us should work for that same feeling and understanding. He is a true Basque in every sense of the word and one many of us can look up to for guidance.

Juanita Hormaechea also sent her regards and continued success of NABO.

Guest Speaker: Dr. William Douglas was introduced by Pres. Jim. Dr. Douglas spoke on the dictionary project that the Basque Studies program has taken as a project. They plan on bringing over Luis Michelana, a prominent Basque scholar, to head the project of adding the English to a dictionary that was printed early in the century. Dr. Douglas explained how they went about getting the money that was needed to get



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the project under way. Bill explained how and why they chose Michelana and said the project to be finished will take about 5 years.

Film: Dr. Douglas also showed a film on the Basque Shepherd. It was produced by Mr. Cardinal and is available for purchase or rental from his company. The film's title is "Artzaina" and describes the life of a Basque shepherd and the loneliness they endure.

Prof. Bilbao: Jon gave his report on his findings in Europe on trying to get the Bertsolaris and getting Art exhibits. He felt we would be able to get the Bertsolaris in the fall of the year for what they would make at their jobs and the expenses they would incur while on tour here in the States.

Projects: The discussion was resumed on what to do about a project. The discussion centered around bringing 2 Bertsolaris plus Louis Camblor for music. A committee was set up to write to these men in the Old Country. Jacques Unhassobiscay was to contact both Louis Camblor and Xalbador. Bob Goicoechea is to get in touch with Lopategui and try and get all the information back to the Sec. within a month.

Bond: Treas. Dorothy Aldocoa asked how she was to be bonded. Bob Goicoechea said she should take the bond out on herself and have NABO pay for it. This motion passed unanimously.

Reports from Clubs:

1. Boise - They have just put out a dictionary of Spanish Basque, and they are also working on a music camp again this summer.
2. Ely - Their Annual Picnic will be 19 & 20 of July.
3. Elko - Shepherd Ball March 8 and Annual Festival July 5 & 6.
4. Reno - Membership Picnic June 23 and Festival Aug 16.
5. San Francisco - Annual Picnic June 1.

Annual Convention: Elko is hosting the Annual Convention during their festival July 5th & 6th. The meetings are to be held on the 4th of July at 4pm in the afternoon at the Stockmans's Hotel. Further information will be sent to the delegates later.

At 4:45 pm a motion was made and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Inda
Sec.



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MINUTES OF CONVENTION OF N.A.B.O., INC. ON JULY 4, 1975

The convention of the North American Basque Organization Inc. held on July 4, 1975 was called to order by President Jim Ithurralde of Elko. The meetings were held at the Stockman's Hotel in Elko.

Pres. Jim introduced Edith Aldaya, wife of Elko's President John Aldaya. Edith welcomed everyone to the Festival and wished everyone a good time.

After all the delegates were introduced Jim thanked Mary Lou Mendive and Edith Aldaya for setting up the meeting.

Robert Laxalt was introduced to the group with a little background information. Bob's talk was on the BASQUE BOOK SERIES which started in 1969 to record the politics, language, & history relating to the Basques. Dr. Douglas started the series with the 3rd printing of Rodney Gallop's BOOK OF THE BASQUE.

The 2nd book to come out in the series was Robert's own book. IN A 100 GRAVES.

In the next year or so four more books will come out. In September, BASQUE NATIONALISM by Stanley Pain. This book traces the movement of the Basque toward a separate country from a century ago to the present.

In Nov., BASQUE IN THE NEW WORLD by Dr. Douglas & Jon Bilbao. Bill and Jon were six years researching the material for this book. Some interesting facts are that Basques were in the new world centuries before the discovery of America. When Columbus sailed for the New World two of the three ships were sailed by Basque sailors. All three ships were built & owned by Basques.

Early next year will be a book first written in Danish then translated into Spanish, British English & now American. THE WITCH'S ADVOCATE, describes witch hunts in the Basque Country during the 16th Century.

The 4th book to come out late next year will be a BASQUE GRAMMER by Jon Unitibia. It was originally written in Basque and now being translated into English.

After a short break the delegates came back to business.

The Pres. dispensed with the minutes as everyone had a copy of these minutes.



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The Treasurers report was read & accepted. A balance of \$3,236.66 is in the fund as of July 3, 1975.

A discussion was held on the failure to bring the Bertsolari's and Louis Camblor to this Country on tour. Some Clubs only wanted the music or the Bertsolari's while some Clubs failed to respond at all.

Bob Goicoechea suggested that NABO buy the film "The Basque Shepherder" and send it to each club as a project. Another suggestion was to give a scholarship. Jim stated Battle Mountain, Nevada; Rock Springs, Wyoming; Salt Lake City, Utah have expressed desire to start a Club & we should help them. Brian Wardle from the VOICE OF THE BASQUE said there were Basques all over the United States.

The Boise delegates explained the reasons for having to cancel the MUSIC CAMP. It was that the instructors were too expensive and that would put the tuition too high so there would be a reduction in the amount of students attending. A suggestion was made to have the camp in different areas to accommodate more people.

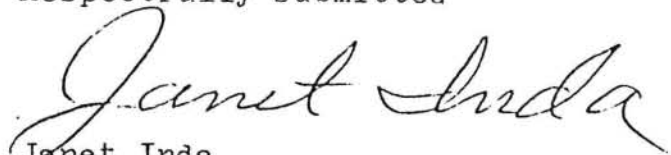
After a discussion on the newsletter and the statement that N.A.B.O. wanted the VOICE OF THE BASQUE to be the official paper for N.A.B.O. only not the Clubs themselves. The delegates voted to accept the VOICE OF THE BASQUE as N.A.B.O.'s official paper.

Brian, standing in for Al Erquiaga, explained an idea of getting a troupe together for the Bi-Centennial made up of dancers & musicians from all the different Clubs to tour and give performances around the Country. Al stated he would be willing to chair this project if N.A.B.O. accepted the idea. There was some doubt that a venture this big could be put on a large scale. Nothing was decided at this time.

It was decided to have a meeting during the Festival in Reno, though not during any activities.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner.

Respectfully submitted


Janet Inda
Secretary

Budget for Proposed Basque Cultural Appreciation

Program and Library Exhibit

I. Equipment

1. One 3M Sound-on-Slide system pilot kit	\$1,221
2. One 3M Sound-on-Slide system player	600
3. Special mailing case for item 2 and book exhibit	200
4. Accessories to items 1 and 2	100
5. Duplication and purchase of 15 books and 20 articles (two sets of each)	500
6. Duplication of 500 slides @ 50¢ each	250
7. Duplication of 20 still photos	100

II. Wages

1. Secretarial assistance	500
2. Narrator's fees	200

III. Operating costs

1. Stationery, postage, etc.	<u>100</u>
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Total \$3,771

Amount requested of NABO: \$1,885

If we approach the National Endowment for the Humanities, we will require a lecture series as well. This should include a minimum of 12 presentations; one in each NABO member community and conducted by a NABO representative from that community plus three additional lectures (Buffalo, Wyoming, Jordan Valley, Oregon, and Fresno, California?) in communities with substantial Basque population but which lack a social club. These latter lectures could be conducted by personnel of the Basque Studies Program and by Professor Richard Etulain of Idaho State University. We should then add to the budget:

1. Twelve lecture fees @ \$75	\$ 900
2. Travel and per diem for three lecturers	<u>850</u>

Subtotal \$1,750

Grand Total \$5,521

Requested of NEH	\$2,761
Requested of NABO	\$1,380
Requested of BSP	<u>\$1,380</u>
Total	\$5,521



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MINUTES FOR CONFERENCE MEETING OF N.A.B.O., INC.
AUG. 17, 1975

Present:

Jim Ithurralde, Pres., Elko
Janet Inda, Sec., Reno
Gilbert Ordoqui, Ely
Frank Maitia, Bakersfield
Pierre Etcharren, San Francisco
Irene Anderson, Reno
John Bastida, Boise
Bill Douglas, Guest
Al Erquiaga, Guest
Jo Francis Ansolabehere, Bakersfield
Dr. Paul Ansolabehere, Guest
Brian Wardle, Guest
Della Wardle, Guest
Sarah Gregory, Alternate delegate, Elko
Bob Echeverria, Alternate delegate, Elko
Jean Belleau, Alternate delegate, San Francisco

The conference meeting of the North American Basque Organization, Inc. held on Sunday, Aug. 17, 1975 was called to order by Pres. Jim Ithurralde of Elko. The meeting was held in the River Room of the Holiday Hotel.

Pres. Jim introduced all the delegates and their guests.

Minutes were dispensed with as everyone had a copy in front of them.

Treasurer Dorothy Aldocoa was not present but sent a report with delegate John Bastida of Boise. John stated we have \$3571.15 with all clubs paying their dues except Reno. Dorothy asked for a clarification of how she is to figure dues. In clarification this is taken from the minutes of the Aug. 18, 1973 meeting. "The final dues proposal considered at the June planning meeting stipulated that each Basque organization joining the corporation would be required to pay an initial fee of at least \$100.00. The annual fee payment for any member organization would after initiation fee, be a flat \$50.00 + .50¢ for each paid member in that club."

As was discussed at the meeting in Elko about the pres. sitting as the Vice-Pres. the following year, a motion was made and accepted that the Pres. automatically becomes the Vice-Pres. It will be up to his club whether he (V-P) comes back as a voting delegate or as a non-voting delegate. This means a club could send 3 people to a meeting but only 2 of these people would



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have a vote.

Jim also brought up the idea of the Pres. for two yrs. After a discussion it was felt that with the Pres. sitting as Vice-Pres. this would not be necessary.

The Sec. read a letter from Bob Laxalt returning his expense check to us as his part of contributing what he can to N.A.B.O.

John stated a letter should be sent thanking Bob for our deep gratitude to his devotion to our culture.

NEW BUSINESS - Dr. Douglas addressed us to the fact as N.A.B.O. becomes known we will be asked to speak & comment on our culture. We need something to take the place of a person going to speak.

3 M Company has a slide and sound system that is completely self-contained. Two kits would be needed to start with. At a later date more could be bought and taylored to fit a particular program or group. Books can be sent to suppliment the slide program. Articles & still life with captions would accomplish a needed segment of the program.

This won't just have to be limited to a small area but, could be listed in school journals so this could be used nation wide.

Bill explained that we could go to the National Endowment Foundation for part of the money but then they would have quite a bit of control. The ideas were not parallel so the Basque Studies backed off.

Al Erquiaga - Past President of N.A.B.O. gave us a pep talk on our obligation to N.A.B.O. as a club & what it can do. Urge your club to elect pople who will speak their pface & have ideas that will be workable for N.A.B.O. There are funds available if someone would look into it.

Al stated, "Anything worth dong isn't always easy to do". With this Al gave us 8 proposals to think about.

1. A touring group
2. A Bi-centinial float that would travel to the different towns.
3. Talented people that can travel and give a lecture series.
4. Students that have been at Onate that are



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- tremendous in speaking could go out and speak,
with FATHER Echeverria.
5. Forming new clubs-N.A.B.O. go to these areas & get them going.
 6. Give honor to the people who have worked for years and never get any recognition.
 7. Help subsidize the different groups to go to another club & perform.
 8. A festival that moves from one area to another.

Al stated that he is willing to help in anyway possible because he believes so strong in the ideals of N.A.B.O.

Pres. Jim named Bob Goicoechea from Elko to look into the grants that are available to organization such as ours, to help pay for some of these activities.

Bill Douglas stated that he would be more than willing to help any of us go to anyone of these foundations and ask for money. Bill feels it should be looked into systematically and carefully.

Motion was made & accepted that we accept Bill Douglas's proposal with or without N.E.W. At most it would cost \$1885.00.

Bob Goicoechea has stated that he is willing to go with Bill Douglas to ask for this project. If Bob can't go with Bill, Pres. Jim should go.

Bill asked that each representative go back to their clubs and ask for input from each club. Bill is hoping that the project will be at least particaly finished by our next meeting.

Pres. Jim stated that Boise has done its share and the other clubs should do theres in sponsoring a function to help N.A.B.O.

It was decided that we should try to honor a Basque this year. The Sec. was elected to draw up the forms & regulations to honor these people. Bill suggested that we should keep it secret so no one would be hurt if they were nominated but didn't win.

The Sec. suggested we honor Jim & Domingo this year. Jim Jausoro & Domingo Ansaregue are the musicians that travel all over the West to play and never compain. A motion was made & seconded to honor Jim & Domingo. Al stated he would do the



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necessary work in Boise.

Jean Belleau, President of San Francisco extended an invitation to hold our next meeting Nov. 1 & 2. The time and place will be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Anola

Secretary



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MINUTES OF CONFERENCE MEETING OF N.A.B.O. OCT. 4, 1975

PRESENT

Jean Belleau - Pres. of San Francisco
Jean Gorostiaque - Director of San Francisco
Fred Fuldain - Honorary Pres. of San Francisco
John Etchevers - Director of San Francisco
Francios Bidaureta - Director of San Francisco
Jose Marie Miura - Director of San Francisco
Jean Leon Iribarren - Director of San Francisco
Jacques Unhassobiscay - Director of San Francisco & Delegate
Pierre Etcharren - Sec. of San Francisco & Delegate
Al Erquiña - Boise Alternate Delegate
Bob Goicoechea - Elko Delegate
Jim Ithurralde - President of N.A.B.O. Elko
Leon Etchemendy - Reno Delegate
Irene Anderson - Reno Delegate
Brian Wardle - "Voice of the Basque"
Janet Inda - Sec. of N.A.B.O.

After introduction of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Club by Jean Belleau the N.A.B.O. delegates were introduced. Pres. Jim thanked Jean & the Board for hosting the meeting which was held at Elu's on Broadway in San Francisco on Oct. 4, 1975. The Sec. read the minutes from the previous meeting. This addition was made, Leon Etchemendy was present but not listed at the Aug. meeting they were then passed.

No Treasurer's report was read but Jim stated we sent the check to the University of Nev. for \$1885.00 for the Sound-slide Project. The Sec. gave a report on the Project. She also read a letter from Bill Douglas explaining how the program has progressed to this point. Bill said that the two sound on slide projectors have been ordered and he has also talked to a couple narrators. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the cost breakdown for the project.

The Sec. read a letter from Jean Urrity, expressing his feelings & wishing us well at this meeting. (Attached is a copy of his letter).

The clarification of dues were restated and read as -
Dues are \$100.00 initiation fee and then \$50.00 + .50¢
per member each year.

As discussed and voted the changes to our By-Laws concerning the office of Vice-President. (Attached is a copy of the amendment of Art. 5 Sect. 1.) Added to the bottom of this Art. 5 is to be put "Any person may hold 2 or more offices



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subject to the provisions of Sect. 8 Art. 5.

Al Erquiaga gave a report on Domingo Ansotegui and Jim Jausoro Day. A night has been designated for this on Nov. 29. The program will be run as "This-Is-Your-Life". Expenses will be stamps, correspondence and the plaques to be given. They are asking that the Clubs that Jimmy & Domingo play for send someone or a letter congratulating them on this day for a job well done.

A discussion was held on the budget for this honor. A motion was made and carried for a \$200.00 budget for this night.

Pres. Jim brought up the fact that Boise was the only area who put on a function to help N.A.B.O. keep its treasury up. Each club has got to start thinking and do something about it. Jim stated that Reno has paid their dues.

The point was brought up that wherever we have our meetings the Board of that club should attend and see exactly what goes on at one of our N.A.B.O. meetings.

The discussion turned to ways we can get information to Bill Douglas for his future projects. Bob Goicoechea also stated that if N.A.B.O. can get projects started we could try for grant money. Bob stated it was there and is given to worthwhile projects.

At this time, Pierre gave the agenda for the rest of the weekend. Dinner at Elu's compliments of the San Francisco Basque Club, hand ball games Sunday morning at 9:00 am then lunch & dance also compliments of San Francisco.

The form for the nomination for the Basque Award was discussed. The decision as to who will be Basque of the Year will be made by the N.A.B.O. Board itself and will be given at convention each year. The next award will be given in Bakersfield in May. One award will be given and only one nominee will be submitted from each club. These guidelines were set down for this award.

- 1 - N.A.B.O will present a plaque
- 2 - N.A.B.O will pay the expenses of the person receiving the award to and from the festival and his expenses while there. Air fare or 15¢ a mile by car. B. \$15.00 each day for two days for meals. C. Motel for two nights



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- 3 - The bills are to be given to the reps of that Club & they in turn will present them to N.A.B.O. for reimbursement.

A motion was made & carried that we should have quarterly meetings. One meeting designated as an annual convention and the three others as quarterly meetings "if necessary". The nomination form was revised and a motion was made & passed to accept it.

The nominations are to be brought to the winter meeting and decided there. Leon Etchemendy suggested & the recommendation was passed & carried that we have secret balloting with,

- 1 - 1st given 5 points
- 2 - 2nd given 3 points and
- 3 - 3rd given 1 point

This allows all the delegates to vote without having a deadlock.

Al Erquiga asked that the minutes be sent to the Sec. of each club.

Jacques asked what happened to the certificate's stating we belong to N.A.B.O. Leon said he would design & draft a certificate and would mail one to each club. The motion passed.

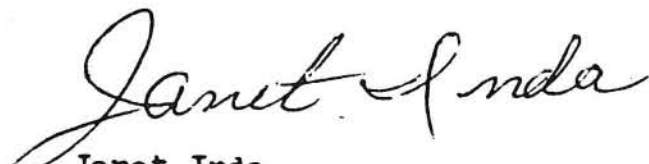
Pierre suggested that if the Sec. needs information, it must be returned within a month or Pres. Jim will call to find out the answer.

The next meeting will be held in Boise in early March. The date will be decided later. The Board of directors in Boise are to be invited to this meeting.

Pres. Jim will give the Award to Jimmy & Domingo from N.A.B.O. in Boise.

A thanks was extended on behalf of N.A.B.O. to the San Francisco Board for the gracious treatment they have extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet Inda
Secretary

I. Equipment

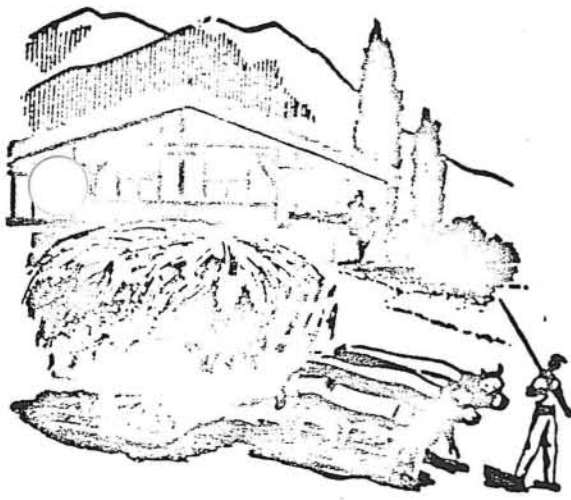
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2. Narrator's fees	130

III. Operating Costs

1. Stationery, postage, etc.	100
Total	<u>\$3,770</u>



Villa ARTZAINA

JEAN-BENNIE URRUTY

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Sept. 28-1975

Dear, Jaunt Suda.

Got all your topic, letter etc, and also about the meeting to be held in San Francisco, in Oct. 4th. I am very sorry I will not see you again as I am leaving Oct. 8th for the 3rd time this year to Our Beautiful Country to finish the Documentary Film we are making on the Seven Basque Provinces!

But nevertheless I am 100% Basque do not scratch my name from the Board etc.

This Documentary film, I will be glad to show in Our Clubs etc. will be ready in 1976

Best regards to all.

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Jean + Bennie Urruty

Gora Eskualdunak

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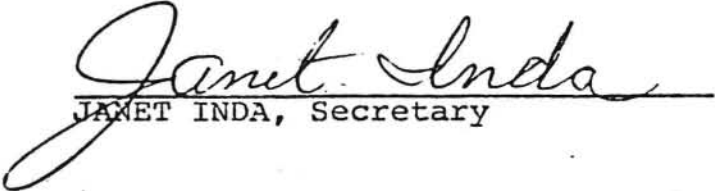
AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THE BOOK OF
BY-LAWS OF NORTH AMERICAN BASQUE ORGANIZATIONS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the North American Basque Organizations, Inc. at its regularly held meeting on August 17, 1975, voted and unanimously agreed to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Book of By-Laws of the North American Basque Organizations, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article XII of the Book of By-Laws of the North American Basque Organizations, Inc., the following amendment is passed and adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors:

Article V, Section 1, Officers: The officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Article. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint such officers, including one or more secretaries and assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers as it deems desirable, such officers to have the authority and perform the duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint one or more Vice-Presidents; however, the Board of Directors shall appoint the outgoing President as a Vice-President of the corporation for a term consistent with the term of office of the newly elected President. Any person may hold two or more offices subject to the provisions of Section 8 of Article 5.

WITNESSETH, my hand this _____ day of October, 1975.



JANET INDA, Secretary

Approved and ratified by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors at the regularly held meeting of the Board of Directors on October 4, 1975.

WITNESSETH, my hand this _____ day of October, 1975.

Jim Ithunalde
PRESIDENT

Janet Lnda
SECRETARY



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NOMINATION FOR "BASQUE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Name _____

address _____

Club _____ Male _____ Female _____

NUMBER of years in Club _____

Positions held _____

Committees served _____

Resume' of Person nominated(not to exceed 500 words).