

NABO MEETING  
November 8, 2008  
University of Nevada, Reno Campus  
Reno, NV

President Mary Gaztambide called the NABO meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the NABO Meeting. She asked for all proxies to be given to the secretary. After which she called for a roll call of those present. The following delegates, guests, and chairpersons were present:

**Club**

Anaitasuna Basque Club  
Basque Educational Organization  
  
Basque Club of Utah  
  
Basque Museum & Cultural Center  
  
Big Horn Basque Club  
Boise Euzkaldunak, Inc.  
Center for Basque Studies  
  
Chino Basque Club  
Elko Basque Club  
Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.  
Gardnerville Mendiko Euskaldun Club  
  
Oinkari Dancers  
  
Ontario Basque Club  
  
Reno Zazpiak Basque Club  
  
San Francisco Basque Club  
  
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center  
Santa Rosa Basque Club  
  
Society of Basque Studies  
  
Txoko Ona Basque Club

**Delegate**

Gina Espinal  
Maitexa Cuburu  
Yvonne Hauscarriague  
Nancy J Trevino  
Jean Gaztambide  
Delfina Krakau  
Patty Miller  
Kirstie Auzqui  
Ricardo Yanci  
Kate Camino  
Argitxu Camus Etchecopar  
John Ysursa  
Anita Anacabe Franzoia  
Joe Lasuen  
Noel Arraiz  
Becky Sarratea-Murphy  
Tyler Smith  
John Krakau  
Grace Mainvil  
Lisa Corcostegui  
Mary Lou Urrutia  
Victoria Simcoe  
Valerie Etcharren Arrechea  
Jean Pierre Elissetche  
Pierre Etcharren  
Susan Gavica  
Annie Gavica  
Emilia Doyaga  
Mark Doyaga  
John Lejardi  
Gloria Lejardi

## **Officers**

President – Mary Gaztambide  
V-President – Pierre Etcharren  
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil  
Secretary – Nancy J Trevino  
Facilitator – John Ysursa  
Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortasar

## **Committee Chairperson**

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia  
Video – Jesus Pedroarena  
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea, excused  
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea  
Mus – Pierre Etcharren  
Pelota – Evelyne Garat, excused  
History – Arigitxu Camus Etchecopar

## **Guests**

Frances Pedroarena, Menden, NV  
Enrike Corcostegui, Ontario, OR  
Sara Velez Mallea, Reno, NV

## **Proxies**

The following proxies were submitted:  
Society of Basque Studies/Jose Ramon Cengotitabengoa  
Elko Basque Club/Jess Lopategui to Antia Anacabe Franzoia  
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center/Idoya S Urruty to Pierre Etcharren

## **Welcome**

After the roll call, Mary thanked the University of Nevada, Reno Basque Studies program for hosting the NABO meeting. The Javier Narvarte, President of Reno Basque Club welcomed NABO to Reno. He thanked Kate Camino from the Center for Basque Studies, Mary Lou Urrutia a Reno BC delegate, Margurite Wilson Reno BC Treasurer, Sara Velez Mallea Reno BC Secretary for making the arrangements for the meeting. Javier invited the NABO delegates to come to the Santa Fe restaurant after the meeting to socialize and have dinner.

Next Mary introduced some meeting procedures that NABO would like to adapt and implemented at the current and future meetings of NABO. The procedures are based on the Robert Rules of Order but ultimately the group will decide what

works best. The aim is to find a viable formula to make the NABO meetings timely, fair and orderly.

### General Five Minute Report Rule

The first rule would be a “General Five Minute Report Rule”- Each person speaking on a point on the agenda will be given an uninterrupted (no questions until finished) five minutes to briefly state the following points:

What was done/not done by the last meeting?

What is the primary aim to accomplish by the next meeting?

What (if any) motion(s) need to be raised and voted on by the delegates?  
(A motion is first made, and then it must be seconded to open decision.)

Some reports are exempt from the five minutes cap. This includes the Treasurer’s report, the facilitator report and periodically a Basque Government report.

### Questions and Discussion

Following each specific presentation (that is not interrupted by questions) a period of up to ten minutes of discussion, which will allow for questioning, input, motions from the floor, etc will begin on this agenda point. Please note that all members wishing to speak about item will receive the opportunity to speak before any one member speaks for a second time.

If the discussion/questions end before the ten minute period, then we move to the next agenda item. If after ten minutes the discussion continues, an automatic return to Robert’s Rules of Order will occur and a motion to limit or extent debate will occur. At this point all delegates present would vote whether to continue the discussion. If the majority votes yes the discussion would continue for up to five minutes and at the end of the five minutes, another vote on whether to continue the discussion would be taken.

If the majority votes no to continuing the discussion, there are several options.

1. “Call to Question;” To form or restate a motion to bring the matter to a vote
2. “Refer to Committee;” The issue is now referred to a specific committee that is formed or to an existing focus (advisory) group
3. “Lay on the Table;” General discussion of the item is tabled. Those still interested in the matter can follow up and it’s possible to “take from the table” and reopen the matter at a later time.

### Minutes

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported Stephanie Oroz name as a delegate for the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center should be removed from the list of delegates

present at the 2008 Chino Meeting Roster on the 2008 Chino Meeting Minutes. She is not a delegate for the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center. She also noted that her motion on the participant cost for Udaleku also needs to be corrected on these minutes. Valerie motioned that the per participant cost of Udaleku go from \$250.00 to \$300.00 for all future Udaleku not just for the 2009 Chino Udaleku. Valerie then noted that this statement be changed on the Chino minutes: “Valerie Etcharren Arrechea made a motion that NABO pay for the traveling expenses one meeting a year for each of the NABO Chair people. The motion was seconded and passed.” Valerie brought up this topic for future discussion. She did not make a motion, nor did the motion pass. In the minutes it should be changed to “Valerie Etcharren Arrechea ‘mentioned’ that at the next NABO meeting, there should be discussion about having the traveling expenses paid by NABO for one meeting a year for each of the NABO Chair people.” Valerie also noted the Kantari Eguna should be listed under the category of **DANTZA & MUSIKA: Dance & Music Focus/Advisory Group.** A motion was made to accept the minutes with the corrections. The motion was approved.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Grace Mainvil provided a copy of a detailed treasurer’s report to all delegates. Grace asked the delegates to review the report during the meeting. Questions and discussion would take place at the end of the meeting.

The following are the NABO account balances:  
(Includes checking, savings and CD’s)

General Account Funds:	\$ 7,553.53
Pelota Account Funds:	\$ 1,905.67
Mus Account Funds:	\$41,508.16
Educational account Funds:	\$72,606.73
Euskara/HABE Funds	\$12,586.44
Udaleku Account Funds:	\$14,694.35
J.L. Iribarren Memorial Act. Funds (Pelota):	\$ 5,574.45

### **Facilitator Elections**

Mary announced that the next order of business was to have the NABO Facilitator Elections. She mentioned that notice of the Election was sent out to the delegates earlier but she did not receive any written nominations. Mary asked for nominations from the floor. Anita Anacabe Franzoia nominated John Ysursa to continue as the NABO Facilitator. The nomination was seconded. A vote was taken and John Ysursa will remain as NABO Facilitator.

John thanked everyone. He also asked the NABO delegates for feedback on NABO. He asked the delegates to fill out a questionnaire. The questions he would like the delegates to answer are:

1. What do we need to do to attract/keep people at our meetings?
2. What is the best thing NABO is doing?
3. Where would you like to see NABO in 2011 (doing what new)?
4. Other thoughts?

John also provided a self assessment that had three different definitions that might describes our clubs. He asked which category most closely describes our own club.

Mary asked the delegates to give a round of applause for all the work John does for NABO.

### **KIROL (Sport)**

#### **Pilota -- 2008 Goals:**

Evelyne Garat was not able to attend the Reno Meeting but sent her report with Valerie Etcharren Arrechea to read her report:

The 2008 NABO-ko Pilota Txapelketa was held in San Francisco and was hosted by at the Basque Cultural Center in conjunction with their Jailadia on the weekend end of September 20<sup>th</sup>. There were men's, women's and children's teams that participated. The teams came from Bakersfield, Boise, Chino, Fresno and San Francisco. They are still looking for a site for 2009 finals so if any club is interested, please contact Evelyne. The 2010 Txapelketa will be held in Boise.

The second World Pilota Council Tournament, which was played in a Trinkete, was held in Santiago, Chile in September. NABO sent three players and a coach who played men's Baleen and Paleta Cuero. Their airfare, lodging and meals were paid by the World Pilota Council and their sweat suits were donated by the Basque Cultural Center. The 2010 Tournament will be held in Bilbao sometime in September. Information will be sent to the clubs sometime in April.

Xabi Berrueta is currently in the Basque Country. He is trying to arrange for a coach for both Udaleku and Ikaspilota 2009, which would be held in San Francisco.

Evelyne requests that the Clubs pay their 2009 Pilota dues at the beginning of the year.

### **GAZTEAK: Youth Focus/Advisory Group**

#### **Udaleku:**

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea reported that they are in the process of getting together the instructor's team that will be teaching at Udaleku. The dates have changed a little from what was mentioned at the last meeting. It will be held from June 28 to July 11. It will be held in Chino CA. They are going to keep parents informed on

what is happening at Udaleku through a blog during the two weeks of camp. Things are going very smoothly with the organizing of Udaleku.

### **Xiberoa 2009:**

The Xiberoa Exchange is going on as planned. They are currently recruiting participants for the exchange. They are up to seven participants that have committed to going on the exchange. There is still room for the exchange. They are half way there. If you have students ages 16 to 18 that are interested in this program, please have them contact Valerie Etcharren Arrechea. The students will go to Xiberoa for two weeks and the Xiberoa students will come to California for two weeks. This is a once in a life time experience. The students' only expenses would be airfare and spending money.

Anita Anacabe Franzoia is also organizing two youth trips to the Basque Country next summer. You can contact her at [elkoanacabe@hptmail.com](mailto:elkoanacabe@hptmail.com) for more information.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea held a group meeting with the dance groups at the Chino Convention to find out what NABO could do to get more of the youth involved. The minutes are on-line.

NABO would like each club appoint a Youth Facilitator. It should be someone who would be committed to keeping the Basque heritage going for another generation.

Clubs can submit names of a young people to be on one or several of the NABO Youth Advisory Boards. The meetings would be held via the phone. NABO wants the Basque young adults to have the opportunity to create their own initiatives. The first phone conference will happen in December, 2009

### **Gaztealde 2009:**

The theme for this year's Gaztealde is: "Work Hard, Play Hard. It will be held at the Fort Worden State Park on the Olympic Peninsula (Seattle Area) from July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>. The applications are on the NABO website and if you need additional information please contact Antonia Sabarots at [asabarots@seanet.com](mailto:asabarots@seanet.com).

### **NABO Youth Aid Fund:**

It was suggested at the last meeting that NABO create a scholarship program for participants that could not afford to pay the fees for the youth events, i.e. Udaleku, Gaztealde, etc. The first part of creating this program is to find ways to finance the program. The second part is to find ways to distribute the funds and keep the names of those receiving the funds anonymous. An idea for keeping the names anonymous is to have only one NABO person, such as the Treasurer, who would be the only one to see the application to apply for the financial aid. This person

would submit information to a Financial Aid Committee but would not give out any identifying information on the person. So only one person would know who applied and who received the financial assistant.

Possible sources for income for the fund could be:

- Member organizations provide a fundraiser for this purpose
- Solicit donations
- Request money from the Basque Government

Grace and John suggested that we could take some money from the NABO Accounts to get the fund started. And then find other ways to fund the financial aid account. Kate Camino made a motion that \$5000.00, out of the NABO CD's in the Educational Account; go into the NABO Youth Aid Fund to fund the scholarships and that NABO start taking 2009 applications for those that want to apply for this aid. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pierre suggested that the NABO Membership Fees be raised from 50 cents to 75 cents per club member and the additional 25 cents be put into the Youth Aid Fund. Some of the delegate express that the additional fee could be hardship to some clubs and organizations. After the discussion, it was suggested that the delegates go back to their clubs and find out how they would feel about raising the NABO membership fees be raised by 25 cents per member in order to put the extra 25 cents in the Youth Aid Fund. John Ysursa will also send a flyer to the club and organizations explaining the extra 25 cents would go into the Youth Aid Fund.

John Ysursa suggested that the fund could be named either after NABO's Last Basque Priest, Aita Tillous, who served the NABO communities for so many years or that it be named after the name Aita Tillous used for his van--Pottaka (the indigenous Basque Horse.) After some discussion, a motion was made by Valerie Etcharren Arrechea that the Youth Aid Fund be named the Aita Martxel Tillous NABO Youth Aid Fund and that a Pottsake (horse) be used as the logo on the Financial Aid Application. The motion was seconded and passed. The application will soon be on the NABO website.

John asked for volunteers that would like to serve on the committee to make the decisions on who should get receive this aid. Grace Mainvil, Gina Espinal, Ricardo Yanci and Gloria Totoricaguena will serve on the committee.

### **DANTZA & MUSIKA: Dance & Music Focus/Advisory Group**

#### **Dance Instructors Workshop:**

It has been requested that the Dance Instructors Workshops not be held in the summer time. The next workshop will be held in February 2009. Joxema Mendiola, the Instructor from the Basque Country can only come for ten days and so the workshop can only be held in three regions. These workshops will be held

in Boise for the north region, in San Francisco for the central and west regions and in Chino for the south region. NABO will owe a Cultural Tour to the East Region. The focus of the workshop will be to learn how to teach or just to learning the methods for the fandango & arin-arin (Jota & Porrusalda.) It will be for instructors & advanced dancers.. Other things the Dance Focus Group is working on are: getting equipment for the dance groups, working on a dancers exchange program with Argentina and two dance group initiatives. The first initiative comes from Liza Corcostegui. She is working on getting Basque Dances from the Basque Country to dance with our dancers. The second initiative is being worked on by Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, and it an initiative to encourage more young men to dance with the different NABO dance groups. Anyone interested in being a member of the Dance and Music Focus group should contact John.

### **Katari Eguna:**

The next Katari Eguna will be held in Gardnerville, NV on the second Saturday in August (August 8<sup>th</sup>). It will be in conjunction with their Club's Picnic on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **EUSKARA/KANTAK/MUS: Focus/Advisory Group**

#### **Senior Mus:**

Pierre Etcharren reported that this year's International Mus tournament was held in Barcelona, Spain. First place went to the Euskadi #1team and second place went to USA team. Third place went to Spain 2, fourth place to Euskadi 2 and fifth place went to France, sixth place to Mexico, seventh to Argentina, eight to Canada, ninth to Australia, tenth to Chile.

The 2009 International Tournament will be held in Balmaseda in the Basque Country. In 2010, it will be held in Uruguay. And the 2011 International Mus Tournament will be held in Chino, CA, USA. In 2012, it will be held in France.

The individual clubs need to start having their club tournaments and they should submit the names of their winners so they can participate in the 2009 NABO Tournament.

#### **Junior Mus:**

Gina Espinal reported on the 2008 Jr. Mus Tournament that was held in Chino as part of the NABO Convention. Gina reported it was very successful and that having it the day before the convention worked out very well. There are six different teams that participated in the tournament. The winners were the Southern California Team. Congratulations to Taylor Berterretche & Marcus Helton for winning 1st place and to Jackie & Christina Iriart for winning 2nd place in the NABO Jr. Mus Tournament.

Gina suggested that they need an extra Judge for the tournaments and that they also need to set the times for the player ahead of time. The next Jr. Mus Tournament will be held at the Reno 2009 Convention.

The NABO Mus playing cards are almost ready. A list was set out so clubs can indicate how many decks they want mailed to them. The cards would cost the clubs about \$4.00 a deck and then the clubs could sell them for \$4.50 to \$5.00 a deck. Each deck will have a plastic container.

### **Euskara:**

John reported that Martin Goicoechea was not able attend the meeting. John reported on some initiatives that are supposed to be available at the beginning of the year.

Students will be self taught via the new online BOGA program and it will all be completely interactive on the WEB. Student will go online via the internet to learn Euskara and the great thing about this system is that it is all automated. You can even hear speakers talk so you know how to pronounce the word. You just follow along with the instructions. So the first initiative is having the BOGA Program where students can go and learn Basque

. But we all know that if you do not have a chance to speak to others, the students are not going to retain what they learn. The second initiative is that we have people in our communities that are willing to be instructors and help the student to learn to speak Basque. So they can pull the student together for session to talk to each other.

So we want to keep these students fired up. And one way that NABO can do this is by once a year having a Euskara Instructor's workshop. The other thing we need to do is get new Euskara Instructors, while continuing to keep our current instruction.

This year's workshop will be held in February, 2009 in Salt Lake City, UT. Hopefully the instructors will benefit by the Workshop. Izaskun Kortazar, the Euskara Coordinator for NABO, has been very helpful in putting this workshop together. It will be a great workshop.

### **JAKINARAZI: Education & Communication (News, Websites, Media)**

#### **Video Report:**

Jesus Pedroarena reported that JumpTV and Neulion company merged in mid October. Jump TV removed ETB SAT TV from its lineup of channels, at the end of October and Canal Vasco TV was removed earlier this year. They did not have enough people watching those channels. Canal Vasco TV and ETB Sat are available from the EITB website, [www.eitb.com](http://www.eitb.com) with slightly less image quality.

They are free and provide good information for the Basque community. Broadband Internet is required for both TV channels. The 5 EITB radio stations are also accessible from the EITB website. Jesus also gave the delegates a demonstration on the getting the broadcast via internet.

He reported that there has been on video or CD/DVD activity.

Lisa Corcostegui reported that at this year's Dance Workshop, they made twelve hours of video of the dance instruction. She will give the recordings to Jesus so he can reproduce them. Valarie Etcharren Arrechea made a request that all clubs receive a set of each of the Dance Videos as well as other Dance Instruction Video that NABO has made. She will arrange getting them together and will get them to Jesus.

### **Calendar Report:**

Mary Lou Urrutia reported that the calendars are finished and will be distributed to the Clubs today. They will cost \$5.00 a calendar.

Marylou would like to make some changes to the next year calendars. She would like to add more information on the calendars about NABO. She will try to have something together for the meeting in April so the delegates can see them and can give input into the new design.

### **History Report:**

Argitxu Camus Etchecopar reported that she has stored archives, at the University of Nevada for the following associations: NABO, Reno Zazpiak Bat Club, San Francisco Basque Club, the Basque Educational Organization and Euzko Etxea of New York.

Argitxu would be happy to go to the clubs and make copies of their archives in order to donate them to the Basque Library. Or if a club wants to donate the originals archives, they are more than welcome to do so. The archives can be meeting minutes, membership lists, newsletters, correspondence of any kind, photos, festivals booklets, etc

California Heritage Project: Argitxu and journalist, Koldo San Sebastian are currently gathering the names and a short biography for each of the Basques who immigrated to California during the nineteenth and twentieth century's. It would help them in this endeavor if the California Basque Club would made their membership lists available to them in order to complete the information Artitxu and Koldo have on those Basques.

Argitxu also mentioned that she has been contacted by a Dance Group, Zpeiz Banako and Txarana Mukaki from the Basque Country, because they would like to come to the US next summer and perform for some Basque festival. There are six dancers and six musicians and a young bertsolari from Hendaia. They know dances from all the provinces and can play music and sing. They would pay their

own way over to the US and would only need room and board and transportation between different locations. If you are interested in hosting them for your festivals, you can reach them through Iban Ithurbide's email: [iban.ithurbide@hotmail.fr](mailto:iban.ithurbide@hotmail.fr).

### **DIRUA: Finances Focus budgeting, B.G. grant requests, etc**

#### **Grant Report:**

Grace Mainvil reported that just last week she had received the remaining grant money for 2007 grant as well as the money for the first three quarters of the 2008 grant from the Basque Government. Now the NABO Officers will need to get a meeting together to decide how the money is distributed to those clubs/organizations receiving granted money from their approved grant requests. Grace along with Mary Gaztambide and John Ysursa will meet and sort out where this money goes and then will get it distributed to the right places. Grace mentioned that she is never involved in the process of applying for the grants. She is just told to whom and where the money goes.

John mentioned that the process for applying for the grants is to brainstorm with others to decide what NABO wants to do in the future and to make an attempt set a NABO Budget for the next year. There are fixed items that NABO asks for every year. An example of the fixed items is travel expenses for NABO Officers to come to the meeting. Others examples include asking for grant money for Pilota, Udaleku and other NABO activities.

The deadline for future grants to be submitted will probably be in February or March. So those that are interested in NABO areas/functions will get together and decide what NABO wants to ask for in the next grant period. John Ysursa mentioned that if any of the delegates are interested in getting involved in the grant process, they are welcome to join the DIRUA Focus Group. Or if you are interested in this grant process for the other focus groups you can join the of them.

Mary mentioned that the money to pay the NABO facilitator is included in this grant money and will go to John Ysursa.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Grace gave a detailed reviewed of the Treasurer's Reports and answer all questions.

She noted that she had listed a \$1000.00 expense under the Pelota Account that should be listed under the Mus Account. She has made this correction. This will changed the Pelota Account balance to \$1,906.76 and the Mus Account Balance to \$39,508.18.

The Mus Account looks like it has a lot of money but Grace explained, that the money in the account is going to be used when NABO hosts the International Mus Tournament in 2011. This money comes from the individual clubs payment to NABO of a minimum of \$100.00 per club plus \$10.00 per participant beyond the first 10 participants in the individual Clubs' Tournaments.

Grace also noted that NABO has two organizations for the IRS. The first is the North American Basque Organization, Inc. This organization has the General Account (checking and saving accounts) in it as well as the Pelota and Mus Accounts.

The other NABO Organization is Educational Fund of the North American Basque Organization, Inc. The accounts in this organization includes the Educational Account, the Euskara/HABE Account, the Udaleku Account and the Jean Leon Iribarren Memorial Fund Account. Grace will now set up a new account in the Educational Account for the Aita Martxel Tillous NABO Youth Aid Fund and will put \$5,000 from one of the CD's Educational Fund Accounts into this account.

Grace mentioned that the grant money from the Basque Government always is deposited into the Educational Account.

Valarie Etcharren Arrechea mentioned that the Society for Basque Studies made a generous donation to Udaleku.

Patty Miller noted that Grace always accounts for everything and not a cent of the NABO monies is lost. Patty motioned that the financial report, with the correction of adding back \$1000.00 to the Pelota Account and taking the 1000.00 from the Mus Account, be accepted. There was a second and the Treasurer Report was approved.

### **NABO Facilitator Report:**

The first thing John Ysursa did as part of the Facilitator Report was to give the delegates a chance to fill out the "NABO Delegate Feedback" form that he had passed out earlier to the Delegates.

John Ysursa mentioned that NABO will soon be halfway through the time for their four year plan. It is a good time to see where we have been and where we will go.

A new generation – American Born – will now have to decide how and if our Basque heritage will endure America. John reviewed what we need to do to keep our heritage alive.

#### Part 1: Ethnic Awareness

We know we have a problem with public awareness. We know that many of the people who say they are Basque do not belong to Basque Organizations. Not even 10% of the Basques who identify themselves as Basque belong to a Basque Organization.

ZATOZ means “Come Along.” It is a call for our generation to keep our Basqueness alive. Basques for centuries have kept the language and culture alive. Now it is our time to do more to get Basque people aware of their Basqueness and to join our clubs. So this is step one to get them to participate in their Basque Culture and Basque Clubs.

## Part 2: Ethnic Substance

For a culture to survive it must be transferred from generation to generation. If effective means of doing this are not found, then a culture dissipates and soon disappears.

GUREA means “It’s Ours”

“You cannot give what you do not have.” The problem is that many of us, that were not born in Basque Country; do not have the knowledge to pass the Basque Culture on to others.

It is the facilitator job to find balance between the youth and the youth facilitators. John invites all to decide when to lead and when to follow. Think about joining one or more of the focus group. After all the best ideas in the world remain just that, unless a group of people pick them up and make them happen.

Club Youth Facilitator: NABO is creating a network of Basque Youth Facilitators and would like all clubs to appoint a Youth Facilitator for their club. They would like the clubs to pick someone who will be committed to keeping things going for another generation.

Club Communicators: NABO was founded in 1973 with the intent of helping its member organizations to assist each other in the pursuit of the same objective: the perpetuation of “Basqueness” (Basque Culture and Identity.) A crucial element in all of this is the effectiveness of Communication. NABO is requesting that one person from each NABO membership that would serve as a Club Communicator for at least one year. (January thru December) This is the one person that NABO can contact if they need to give or receive information for a club. This person can even be a delegate that wants to be the contact person. When you identify someone in your organization that would be willing to serve as your “komunikatzailea” please contact NABO at [info@nabasque.org](mailto:info@nabasque.org) with the club’s name, the communicator’s name, email address and phone number.

It was suggested that NABO send a request to each club once a year. The request would ask for information to be sent to NABO listing the clubs current year information on their officers and delegates. The information should include the name, email addresses and phone numbers information for each clubs’ president, secretary and delegates. A list was set around asking for those present at this NABO meeting in Reno to write down the current information.

Hizketa: When Hizketa was started about 14 years ago and it was pre-internet. Now most people are getting the information via the internet and perhaps the paper Hizketa is superfluous. So John will only resume the paper Hizketa if at least five clubs are distributing it to their members and if they let John know they are doing this and need a paper copy of the Hizketa. Otherwise this material will be posted on line.

Song Booklets: Almost all the first run of the 3000 printed Song Booklets are now gone. If clubs feel they want more of the booklets printed they need to let John or Grace know so a decision can be made as to whether more should be printed. These books cost the clubs \$.80 and then the clubs can sell them for \$1.00. If the clubs show enough interest in having more booklets, NABO could get some printed. NABO hopes to develop a PowerPoint of the song words and music so that it can be downloaded off the internet and then presented like Karaoke at events.

Post-Tillous Era: What is NABO's Role? The era of Basque Chaplains is over. Each community now has to decide what they will do about having their Basque Masses.

It was suggested that NABO could create a booklet with the script for the parts of the mass that are traditionally Basque and have a priest from their community conduct the Mass.

It was also noted that Basque Masses were televised on TV Canal Basco.

Another suggestion was to bring Basque Priests over from the Basque Country, who would tour the summer Basque Picnics and conduct the masses at the picnics.

Anita Anacabe Franzoia made a motion that John Ysursa follow through with checking, organizing and facilitate bringing Priests from the Basque Country to be hosted by individual clubs that would like to have the Basque Priests at their Summer Picnics and would like to have a Traditional Basque Mass.

Valerie Etcharren Arrechea noted that NABO should only create a resource for clubs that want to get together and work out the details to make the arrangements for a Basque Priest to travel to their individual clubs and conduct the Traditional Basque Masses.

Emilia Doyaga suggested that John talk to the New York Bishop to find out what would need to happen to make it possible for Basque Priests to be able to come over to the US and conduct Masses at the summer picnics.

After some discussion, the motion was restated by John Ysursa to say: NABO would add to the role of the Facilitator to provide a Resource to help facilitate the transition for clubs to continue to conduct Basque Mass at their events. The motion was seconded and approved.

FEVA: Mary Gaztambide, John Ysursa and Izaskun Kortazar went to Argentina to meet with their counterparts in FEVA. A few years ago NABO and FEVA entered

into a tentative partnership to share with each other the things that each group is doing well. . An example of one of the areas that FEVA is excelling in is their Euskara Program.

There are two specific initiatives that NABO will be focusing on this next year. With the help of Izaskun, one initiative is to get our Euskara program going. . NABO will kick it off in January with a workshop that will be held in January, 2009. The other initiative will be held in 2010 or 2011 and will be a Basque Dancers Exchange with NABO dancers going to Argentina to perform with their dancers and the FEVA dancers coming here to dance with our dancers. A few years ago NABO had a very positive experience doing this exchange and we welcome the opportunity to do it again.

The “Go to Meeting” System: John Ysursa made a motion that NABO pay the \$400.00 renewal fee for the “Go to Meeting” system. The system is used for at least four phone conference calls a year for each the focus group. It can also be used by the individual clubs if they will make arrangements with John. The \$400.00 pays for unlimited use and can be used at any time day or night. The motion was seconded and passed.

Basque Studies Consortium: The Basque Studies Consortium was a great success. It was held two weeks ago in Bakersfield, CA. NABO is an associate, non-academic member of the Consortium. As associate members, we support the ongoing goal of helping to perpetuate Basque Culture. The 2009 Basque Studies Consortium will be held at the University of California, Santa Barbara and the 2010 Consortium will be held in July at Boise State University.

Gazteak: The NABO Youth Initiatives.

NABO encourage you to do what you can to keep the young involved in Basque Activities and interested in their Basque Heritage.

Gurea: Kultur Astea

The hope is to have teams of two young people each, who would come from the Basque Country and would spend at least one week in each Basque Community and present a selection of classes and lessons geared to both children and adults. These lessons would focus on Basque Culture and would include teaching dances, watching and discussing Basque Film, cooking classes, Euskara introduction, etc. The Basques Clubs would host these young people and would provide lodging, food and transportation.

Clubs should send John an email to let him know if clubs are interested in participating in this pilot program.

Gurea: Book Proposal

What is being initially proposed is a three part introductory book (paper or online?) that would serve to provide greater breadth with references for the reader to pursue

greater depth and online links. It would be divided into three parts to embrace the experiences of Basques here and there, yesterday and today. It would be a joint effort calling on volunteers to contribute portions that NABO would assemble.

No Motion was made but the discussion covered: Does NABO want to take this on? Shouldn't this be handled on a local club level? Aren't there already good books out there that address these issues? NABO can support the clubs and act as a resource. NABO' role should be to put together a PowerPoint presentation that would serve the need better.

The final decision was that no book was needed and the Facilitator can take this book proposal off his list of things to do.

Portable Exhibitions: Instruments in Basque Traditional Music photographic exhibitions and Kantu Ketan exhibitions are available. Each host has to pay for local expenses, arrange transportation and set up and take down the exhibits. Contact John if your club would like to host the exhibitions.

### **New Business**

Valarie Etcharren Arrechea brought up for discussed a proposal that NABO may want to pay the travel expenses for each Chairperson for one meeting a year. She expressed that if the Chairpeople are not able to attend the NABO meetings because of the travel expense, they may become disconnected from the organization. John thought that it could cost about \$3000.00. Grace Mainvil explained that the NABO Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) could be reimbursed for their travel expenses if they submit receipts for the expenses to Grace. She also mentioned that some Officers did not put in requests for reimbursements. These expenses are covered out of NABO grant money. Grace also reported that there are seven chair people in the NABO Organization.

John Ysursa made a motion that the officers interview the chair people to determine if they need to be reimbursed for their travel expenses or if they were being reimbursed by their club or were comfortable covering they own travel expenses. If after the interviews, it was determined that NABO needs to pay expenses for one NABO meeting, a request for the money would be added to the NABO 2009 grant request. The motion was seconded and passed. John then asked the delegates for a hand vote on whether they wanted to put in 2009 grant request, a request to pay for travel expenses of each chair person for one meeting a year. The delegates voted to approve submitting the request for a Basque Grant to pay for these travel expenses.

Valarie Etcharren Arrechea reported on a request for the NABO Basques to be tested and join the National Bone Marrow Registry. She spoke of a 17 month Basque boy from San Francisco who is in desperate need of a bone marrow donor.

Representatives from the National Bone Marrow Registry explain how the Basques could be tested and join the National Bone Marrow Registry. Joining now could not only help this young child but also other Basques in the future.

Future Meeting:

Mary Gaztambide announced the next NABO meeting would be in Salt Lake City on April 18, 2009.

Kate Camino reported that the 2009 NABO Convention will be held in Reno, NV on the weekend of July 24 through 26. The NABO meeting will on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping that the NABO Business meeting can be completed in about 90 minutes followed by break-out focus groups. The Basque Center will be dedicated on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, the NABO Convention will be held at the Park downtown. More information will be given at the next meeting in SLC, UT.

John Ysursa made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.