

N.A.B.O. Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2011
Salt Lake City, Utah

The President called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Welcome by Mary Gaztambide, President Basque Club of Utah.

Introductions and Roll Call

Officers

President – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea
Vice-President – Mary Gaztambide
Treasurer – Grace Mainvil
Secretary – Marisa Espinal
Facilitator – John Ysursa
Euskara Coordinator – Izaskun Kortazar, excused

Committee Chairperson

Calendars – Mary Lou Urrutia, excused
Video – Jesus Pedroarena, excused
Euskara – Martin Goicoechea
Udaleku – Valerie Etcharren Arrechea, Kate Camino
Mus – Pierre Etcharren, excused
Junior Mus – Gina Espinal-Aguerre, excused
Pilota – Evelyne Etcharren
History – no Chairman

Club Delegates

Alkartasuna	Martin Goicoechea
Anaitasuna Basque Club	Marisa Espinal + proxy
Basque Educational Organization	Yvonne Hauscarriague+proxy
Basque Club of Utah	Mary Gaztambide
	Nancy Trevino
Basque Museum & Cultural Center	Patty Miller
	Cindy Schaffield
Big Horn Basque Club	Alberta Escoz
	Teresa Fieldgrove
Boise Euskaldunak, Inc.	Steve Achabal + proxy
Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture	Patty Miller (proxy)
Center for Basque Studies	Kate Camino
Chino Basque Club	John Ysursa
Elko Basque Club	Anita Anacabe Franzoia

Euskaldunak Quebec

Euskal Lagunak-Mountain Home B. C.
Gooding Basque Club

Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club

Los Banos Basque Club
Marin Sonoma Basque Club
Mendiko Euskaldun Cluba

New Mexico Basque Club
Oinkari Dancers
Ontario Basque Club

Reno Zazpiak Bat Basque Club

San Francisco Basque Club
San Francisco Basque Cultural Center
Santa Rosa Basque Club
Seattle Euskal Etxea
Vancouver Basque Club
Washington D.C.

Teresa Franzoia
Ernest Behaxeteguy
Sylvie Naduad
Goisalde Jausoro + proxy
Asun Bidealauneta
Javier Zamora
Mike Uro
Pat Torpey
Ann Erreca (online)
Evelyne Etcharren 2 proxies
Noel Arraiz
Becky Saratea Murphy
Blas Uberuaga
Teresa Franzoia (proxy)
Grace Mainvil
Lisa Corcostegui
Manny Villanueva
Paul Etxeberri
J. Pierre Elissetche + proxy
Gratien Etchebehere +proxy
Teresa Franzoia (proxy)
Goisalde Jausoro (proxy)
Elena Sommer
Argia Beristain (online)

Guests

Benan Oregi, Basque Government
Monique Behaxeteguy, Montreal

Approval of the October 2010 Minutes

The October 2010 minutes were submitted by Marisa Espinal.

- Anita Anacabe Franzoia motioned to accept the October meeting minutes with no corrections. Steve Achabal seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Grace Mainvil)

Please see Facilitator's packet for full report. Delegates were given a few minutes to review the Treasurer's Report. Report only includes deposits received up to the end of January. There were a few deposits received only recently from Canada and others for their participation in the International Mus Tournament last summer. Grace explained the deposit from Chino in the financials was the money returned from Chino that had been withdrawn from the CD's for hosting the International Mus Tournament. Grace expressed her thanks and amazement that the tournament came in under budget thanks to all of the Los Angeles area Basque clubs (Chino, Southern California and Ventura) generous donations.

Seattle Euskal Etxea was the first club to submit the new \$50.00 due for Udaleku. Iparreko Ibarra Basque Club made a \$325.00 donation to Udaleku. The president thanked Grace for her attention to detail. She then reviewed the profit loss statements enclosed in the facilitator's packet.

- Martin Goicoechea motioned to approve the Treasure's report as printed. Seconded by Jean Pierre Elissetche. Unanimously passed.

The president asked for volunteers to review an application from Rhode Island Basque Club to join N.A.B.O. Anita Anacabe Franzoia, Patty Miller, Steve Achabal

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Please see submitted reports for full details - addendum a)

Euskara: (Martin Goicoechea & Izaskun Kortazar)

There are new Euskara teachers for Miami, San Francisco, and New York. Seattle has 13 people interested in Euskara classes, but no teacher, Itxaso Cayero from Boise will help them through Skype and BOGA.

While in the Basque Country for Christmas, Izaskun had meetings with Bizkaiko Foru Aldundia to help find instructors for the Ikastola and meetings with the Ikastola of Olabide in Gasteiz to exchange ideas and materials. She also had meetings at the Barnetegi of Lazkao. The first Barnetegi in the United States will be held July 9 - 16 in Boise, Idaho. 15 students, all future Basque teachers, will participate in the program. They will practice their Euskara speaking skills for 6 hours a day.

There is interest in a Larrabetzu-Boise exchange with teenagers from the Basques Country coming to the United States to learn English and teenagers going to the Basque Country to learn Basque. Please contact Olatz Amarika at ikasgela@hotmail.com if you are interested. Jean Robert Ospital is also interested in an exchange with teenagers from Anglet (between Bayonne and Biarritz) and the U.S. Please contact Izaskun at izaskunkortazar@gmail.com or Jean Robert at ospital@floirac.colas.fr if your Basque Club would be interested. A Youtube video made by Boise students describing where you can practice Euskara is available for viewing at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uTcsVAvAQU>

Izaskun has been holding "neighborhood" dinners after which the Basque Song Group sing using the Basque Song Books John Ysursa put together.

The Basque teacher's conference was held in October in Boise. The topic was grammar.

There are students who contact Izaskun who would like to come to the United States to learn English. In exchange for room and board they would be willing to teach Euskara classes in the summer and one girl would like to be an au pair for one year.

Korrika is a walkathon to fundraise in support of the Basque Language held over 11 days in April in the Basque Country. A baton with a message inside is carried from town to town like the Olympic torch. There is interest in having a Korrika in the United States. Since the U.S. is too large, each area or Basque Club is encouraged to plan their own Korrika. The intent is to try to raise money for sending students to the Basque Country to learn Basque in the Barnetegi. Another fundraiser Izaskun has going is selling water bottles and backpacks for \$10.00 each. If you can sell them at your club contact Izaskun and send a check to Grace Mainvil, 705 Nicklaus Lane, Eagle, Idaho 83616.

A Basque class is now being offered at UC Santa Barbara through the Etchepare Institute.

Martin Goicoechea hopes to get more support from HABE at the World Congress.

Video: (Jesus Pedroarena, excused)

It is possible to access Basque media at www.eitb.com. See the links in Jesus' report. Anita Anacabe Franzoia mentioned apps that offer Basque radio on Tune in Radio. She will send it to the Secretary who will forward it to the clubs.

Calendars: (Mary Lou Urrutia, excused)

She is taking dates for the 2012 calendar. There will be a short window for clubs to proof the dates before the calendar is printed. Please contact N.A.B.O. if you send corrections and there are still errors in the event dates listed in the calendar.

History:

A new Chairman will be appointed.

Pilota: (Evelyne Etcharren)

The San Francisco Basque Cultural Center hosted a Women's Paleta Goma and Baleen Tournament November 19 – 21, 2010. There is interest in holding a tournament at a club each year.

The 2011 Pilota Txapelketa is being hosted by the Kern County Basque Club over Memorial Day Weekend. They will offer Singles and Doubles Esku Pilota and Men's and Women's Paleta Goma.

The World Pilota Council will be hosting a Tournament in Bilbao in December 2011. Please have clubs submit names of those interested in participating. More information will follow in an email from Evelyne.

2011 Pilota dues are past due. The due was raised to \$200 at the last meeting. Prior to the increase all N.A.B.O. member club dues were used to pay the U.S. Pilota Federation dues. Evelyne sent a letter to the U.S. Federation to see what the \$600 dues are used for, what are the benefits to N.A.B.O. The ten participants' airfare and the airfare of the President of the U.S. Pilota Federation attending the last Mundial were paid for by the San Francisco Basque Cultural Center, one of N.A.B.O.'s member clubs. N.A.B.O. has been paying dues to the

U.S. Pilota Federation since 1978 or 1980. The response will be discussed at the next meeting in Buffalo.

Instructors are available from Argentina to hold a pilota workshop with a focus on baleen and pala. Please contact Evelyne at pierresautobody@sbcglobal.net if your club would be interested in hosting one of these workshops.

Boise will be hosting an Invitational during the San Ignacio Festival.

San Francisco will host an Invitational possibly in April or May.

Udaleku: (Kate Camino & Valerie Arrechea)

Children born between 1996 – 1998 will attend June 18th – 25th ending with an afternoon performance and dinner. Children born between 1999 – 2001 will attend June 25th – July 2nd ending with a noon lunch performance. On-line applications will be available Tuesday, 2/15/11. Information will be submitted directly to Google Docs. They are still waiting for confirmation on the Txistu instructor. There will be instructors from the Basque Country. This year they will be able to accommodate all applicants.

Beti Gazte: (Tyler Smith, excused)

After a teleconference the event planned for this year will be a Picnic in Gardnerville, Nevada in conjunction with their picnic and Kantari Eguna in August. At least 40 youth (ages 16 – 25) from 4 different clubs participated last year, they hope for an even greater turn-out this year.

Mus: (Pierre Etcharren, excused)

The National Mus Tournament will be at the Campos Ranch in Carruthers, CA on June 11, 2011. In order to participate your clubs general dues and Mus dues must be current. All clubs should email the names of their tournament winners to etcharren@msn.com. The International Mus Tournament will be held in Iparralde from October 8th – 16th. A full agenda and contact information can be found at globalmus.com. A point of order, there is no La Puente club. It's correct name is the Southern California Basque Club.

Jr. Mus: (Gina Espinal, excused)

The 2011 Junior Mus Tournament will be held in Buffalo, Wyoming during the N.A.B.O. Convention in July. Ideally, each club will have a tournament and then hold the semifinals within their region. Volunteers have stepped up from each region to organize the tournaments. The 5 regions are: Western (Valerie Arrechea): San Francisco Bay Area, Los Banos, Fresno, Rocklin, Seattle, and Vancouver. Northern (Tyler Smith): Idaho Clubs, Wyoming Clubs, Salt Lake City, and Ontario. Southern (Candida Echeverria): Southern California Clubs, Bakersfield, Las Vegas, and New Mexico. Central (Teresa Franzoia): Nevada Clubs, Colorado, and Susanville. Eastern: East coast Clubs. The information is located on the N.A.B.O. website. Please refer to the report for all the details. A Great Valentine's Day gift idea – Mus Cards.

Kantari Eguna: (Noel Goyhenetche, excused)

Becky Saratea Murphy reported Gardnerville would hold the Kantari Eguna on August 13th, 2011 along with their 30th Anniversary. John Ysursa mentioned they are hoping to bring Urko Menaia for Kantari Eguna and to continue on the cultural tour to Vancouver. Kantari Eguna is trying to get more youth to participate. They will be inviting the dance groups. Please RSVP so they have a more accurate count, but all are welcome. There is also a plan to have a group from Udaleku perform at Kantari Eguna. Kate Camino suggested they apply for a Nevada Folk Life Opportunity Grant through Nevada Arts and Humanities. They might be able to apply for as much as \$1500. Last year Kate Camino had applied for two grants for Udaleku through Nevada Arts and Humanities.

Facilitator's Report: (John Ysursa)

John gave some history on how the Facilitator and Euskara Coordinator positions were created. About six years ago the Basque Government suggested N.A.B.O. have paid positions to follow-up with initiatives from the Basque Government similar to what FEVA has in Argentina, rather than relying on volunteers who may or may not have time. Page 9 in the Facilitators booklet lists all of the projects that John assists with and those he coordinates or directs.

Gurea Programs – The Basque Cultural Literacy Project. “What is ours?” and “Do we want it?” How can we give younger generations a sense of “Basqueness”? This year the Lecture Series features Oscar Alvarez speaking on the topic of Basque Identity. He is a visiting scholar at the Center for Basque Studies in Reno. He will be presenting in Chino, Boise, and Mountain Home. He will also be speaking in San Francisco in April. More information is available on the Member Services Page of the N.A.B.O. website.

Basque Identity can be characterized by the ABC generations: **A**utomatic, **I**n-Betweeners, **C**hoosers. Choosers are the youngest generation. They may no longer have direct ties to the Basque Country and many other activities competing for their time. We hope to have a youth Summit at the Convention in Buffalo, 7/4 – 7/7, a bigger event with activities planned to attract youth.

There will be a Dance Instructors Summit on the first Saturday in April in Gardnerville. Oier Araolaza will be the guest speaker. The theme he will concentrate on is the 5P's: Preparation, Practice, Presentation, Promotion, and Purpose. A workshop planned for later this year will focus on the dances of Zuberoa.

Last year we had “Basque in a Box” workshops for smaller clubs with instructors from the Basque Government. They were held in Salt Lake City, Buffalo, and Winnemucca in 2010. There were workshops for all ages. The Basque Government will pay the instructors airfare. The local club must host the

instructors. Mountain Home, Elko and Gardnerville are all interested. Please see John Ysursa if your club is interested.

The Basque Club in London created a Public Relations packet for Basque Clubs which is available on the N.A.B.O. website under Member Services.

The 2nd Edition of Songbooks is available for \$1.00 each. There was a request that future editions of the Songbook be in larger print. There is a Power Point available on the flash drive provided by the Basque Government, euskaletxeak.net, which each delegate received. Also on the flash drives are almost 400 Basque songs from Pandora. Kantuketan: One computer from the Basque Government will be stored in each region with all of the songs downloaded onto the computer. The computers will be in San Francisco, Chino, Buffalo, Elko, and New York.

The Basque Studies Consortium; there are classes and workshops being offered at the California State University, Bakersfield, the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, University of California, Santa Barbara and at Boise State University, which has the largest Basque Studies Program outside of the Basque Country.

Txiki-Txoko – N.A.B.O.'s Kid's Corner, check out the N.A.B.O. website for materials available for download.

Father Mike Lastiri from Fresno is available if you need a Basque mass. Another priest from near Elizondo is also willing to come. More contact information will be available on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Basque Country Trip

Anita Franzoia has flyers for those interested. More information is available on the N.A.B.O. website. 72 people will be on this trip. Only a few seats left. Another trip will be planned next year for South America – Brazil, Argentina, Peru, probably near the end of May.

NEW BUSINESS

Basque Government Report (Benan Oregi)

Benan shared his pleasure in working with the Diaspora and his commitment to keeping all programs supported by the Basque Government moving forward. The new Socialist party in the Basque Government changed the name of the department to include Citizen in the title, Directorate of Basque Citizens and Communities Abroad. This was changed because there are many Basque citizens

all over the world who are not affiliated with any club. This office has traditionally helped associations or clubs. They would like to reach Diaspora all over the world whether they are associated with a club or not. They have not yet determined what their outreach efforts will look like. They will dedicate 30,000 Euros to accomplish their goals. Benan was the sole officer for six years, and then Andoni Martin joined. A third officer has been added to the Department, another Andoni, who worked in the Office of External Affairs for 25 years.

Gaztemundu applications are not available yet. It will begin October 23, 2011. The first week will be a training on leadership. The second week the participants will join the World Congress as guests. So encourage youth who have leadership potential to attend Gaztemundu.

The Euskal Etxeak Magazine will now only come out twice a year in English and Spanish. The Euskal Etxeak weekly Newsletter comes in Basque and Spanish. It is important to have your club's information updated on the website, Euskaletxeak.net. This is an important feature for scoring in the grant application process.

An agreement exists between the Basque Government and American Basque Universities, University of Nevada, Reno and Boise State University in Idaho. There is \$25,000 for a publicity campaign to attract students to attend the University of the Basque Country at either campus, Bilbao or San Sebastian.

An agreement is in the works between the Basque Government and the State of Idaho. There will be an office in Bilbao for Idaho and there will be an office in Boise for the Basque Government.

The Ellis Island Exhibit – "Hidden in Plain Sight" was a collaboration between the Basque Government and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center.

There was a Christmas Reception for the Basques abroad, many of whom return to the Basque Country for the Holidays, on 12/27/10 that had 200 guests.

Law 8, which deals with relations with the Diaspora, was passed in 1994. There are 177 Basque Clubs in 24 countries. Most of the clubs registered with the Basque Government were in existence before Law 8 was passed. Two new clubs registered with the Basque Government recently, one in Brazil and one in Uruguay.

The Four Year Plan (2008 – 2011) passed at the last World Congress had 54 measures. Here were some of the main objectives: Social welfare for extreme poverty, Basque Culture and Language, Communication and Training, and Recovering Historic Memory. There is a sense that clubs do not feel ownership of

the plan. It is something created by the Basque Government, but not discussed or used by the Diaspora. The Basque Government would like the delegates at the next World Congress to propose actions for the next four-year plan (2012 – 2015). The Basque Government would determine the main objectives, but the delegates would bring ideas from the club level for the measures or points of the plan. There has been an increase in the budget for the World Congress from 400,000 Euros to 500,000.

The 5th World Congress will be held in Donostia, November 2 – 4, 2011. The main goal will be to set up the next four-year plan. Law 8 allows only each country to have 3 votes. However the Lehendakari may invite other guests. About fifteen people from the US were invited to the last congress. There will be more opportunities for others with the workshops and exhibits. The other goal is to show the general public and scholars the Basque culture produced in the Diaspora. The Diaspora is now a required course of study in High School and beyond; for example, students need to know the number of Basque Clubs in the world.

The Congress will be held in three rooms, one for the World Congress (invited guests only), the second for speakers on Diaspora, movies, and multimedia presentations. Some of the topics may include; Sheepherding, Basques in Nevada, the workshop subjects have not yet been determined. The third room will be a Fair of the Basque Communities with exhibitors, booths or displays. Rooms 2 & 3 are open to the public. Your club can have a booth or display as well as federations like N.A.B.O. For example, New York could promote the 100th anniversary its club is celebrating in 2013.

Basque Government Grant applications must be in between 1/1/11 – 2/28/11. Grant Applications received on or after March 1st will not be accepted. They may be mailed to New York. There is a total of 1,400,268 Euros for the grants. The goal is to have the grants paid before summer. There are 200,000 Euros for poverty grants. 50 Grants were made to families in extreme poverty, mainly to families in Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Columbia, and sometimes Mexico. Since this program started in 2003 no one from the United States has ever applied.

The Basque Government would like the delegates to be prepared for a discussion about the system for grants. Some clubs are more skilled at applying for grants and smaller clubs are not receiving anything. Mary Gaztambide wondered how much individual clubs understand about the grant process. She feels smaller clubs may be left out. Benan explained that most clubs fall in the middle; there are not that many really small clubs. The new Socialist Government would like to see a more even distribution of grant money. William Douglas, the keynote speaker at the first World Congress, cautioned the Basque Government that it was better to give grants to clubs whose program were worthy of funding rather

than trying to fund everyone. Currently there is a very complicated point system where certain criteria must be met. Some of the requirements include; the four year plan, relations with other Basque Clubs in the area, relations with the Basque Government, relations with Basque Clubs in other countries, the number of members (this is why it is important to keep your club information updated on euskaletxea.net), the type of activities the Club engages in each year, the participation of women on the Clubs or Federations Board of Directors, and positive activities for women (not just cooking). Chapter four grants are for cultural activities. Chapter seven grants are available for infrastructure, equipment and construction.

Should the criteria remain the same? It is impossible to score programs; the score is given to the application. There are currently one hundred applications up for review. One option is to guarantee small clubs requesting smaller amounts (1,000 Euros). Bigger clubs would compete with each other. There is a maximum request limit of \$50,000. The minimum request is \$300 because of the cost of bank transfers. Last year the maximum was \$65,000 because Europe has a law that no group may receive more than 200,000 Euros in a three-year period.

The Basque government would like ideas before the Congress so discussion is limited and a vote can be reached. Please send ideas to N.A.B.O. within the next month and those ideas will be forwarded to the Basque Government after the Buffalo meeting in July.

There will be conference calls for World Congress ideas. One idea is an International Basque Bone Marrow Registry. Gratien Etchebehere suggested a sub-committee. If interested in being on a grant committee or a world congress committee send an email to president@nabasque.org.

Applications and nominations for the World Congress must be received before June 1, 2011. Delegates must be prepared to vote on representatives to the World Congress at the Buffalo meeting.

Shepherders Monument, Reno, Nevada

The plaques with names was stolen from the Shepherders Monument in Reno. There is much interest in fundraising to replace the plaque and restore the monument. Kate Camino updated the delegates and asked for volunteers to manage this project. The piece was insured, but Carmelo is not sure what will be covered. The plaques will not be able to be pawned in Reno so the delegates are asked to get the word out to the clubs in case they are sold in other areas. Nancy Zubiri and her husband are helping to get the word out.

Convention, Buffalo, Wyoming July 21-25, 2011: the N.A.B.O. meeting will be on Friday, 7/22 at the Hampton Inn. The Junior Mus Tournament will also be

on Friday, as well as an evening Festara in downtown Buffalo. The Parade, Festival in the Park, and Street Dance will be on Saturday, the Mass and Picnic will be on Sunday, The Mountain Tour and fishing will be on Monday. A block of rooms has been reserved for the Delegates at the Hampton Inn. Delegates are encouraged to make reservations soon. There is some grant money available if a dance group needs a scholarship to participate. There may be volunteers available to transport small groups from local airports -Sheridan, Casper, Wyoming and Billings, Montana. The closest airport is at least one hour a way. Maybe the cost of shuttles to Buffalo can be written into the grant from the Basque Government.

Fall Meeting: Montreal, September 17, 2011: The NABO meeting will be held in conjunction with the 15th year anniversary celebration of the Montreal Basque Club. A celebration is being planned for the Saturday night. More information will follow with events and tours of Quebec. They would like attendees to RSVP by July to plan for venues. They made brochures available to the delegates with information about local sights if anyone would like to do some touring before or after the meeting. It will not be organized by Montreal, but they are happy to make suggestions about accommodations and local areas of interest. Patty Miller mentioned the Director of Tourism in Toronto was Basque and suggested if she were contacted she might volunteer to put together some tours. Monique Behaxeteguy let the Delegates know about a Fronton where Basque Whalers used to go. They can recommend a travel agent who can put together a tour of s that might interest Basques. Izaskun Kortazar suggested they put some links on the N.A.B.O. website with the information they put together.

Rhode Island Application - It meets all the criteria. They are recommended by the committee for acceptance into N.A.B.O. pending their registration with the Basque Government.

Martin Goicoechea motioned to accept the Rhode Island Basque Club in a Bertso. Seconded by Argia Beristain online and John Ysursa. Unanimously approved.

Bizi Emankorra

This award is given to people who have been involved in N.A.B.O., not just at their local club level. It was started back when Bob Echeverria was President of N.A.B.O. to recognize people who brought N.A.B.O. back to their communities so people would understand what N.A.B.O. was all about. John suggested the two nominees from Wyoming be selected and presented the award at the convention in Buffalo. His motion was not seconded.

Victor Esain was nominated by the Fresno Basque Club.

Kate Camino and Martin Goicoechea were nominated by the San Francisco Basque Club.

Isidro Belzarena Echeto was nominated by the Winnemucca Basque Club

A motion was made to table the discussion until after lunch by Cindy Schaffield. 2nded by Pat Torpey. Motion passed.

Lunch break 12:45 – 3:00 pm

Mike Uro motioned to accept all four nominees. 2nded by Cindy Schaffield. Unanimously approved.

Additional Items:

The presentation on Basques in Louisiana will be tabled until a future meeting because the speaker who requested to be on the agenda was unable to make it to Salt Lake City.

The Oinkari Basque Dance Group is planning a trip to the Basque Country. They have fundraisers planned – on March 26th a dance-a-thon, a sagardotegi; and an auction. Please go to www.Oinkari.org for more information.

Future Meeting Schedule:

2012

Winter: San Francisco, Saturday, February 18, 2012

Summer Convention: Elko July 2012

Fall: Mountain Home, Idaho, October 6, 2012 (Benan's Birthday)

2013

Winter: Salt Lake City, UT (usually February)

Summer Convention: New York, (the 50th Anniversary of EENY and 40th Anniversary of N.A.B.O.)

Fall: open

Future Convention Dates:

2014: Bakersfield, CA

2017: Chino, CA

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marisa Espinal, N.A.B.O. Secretary.