

NMEE Board Meeting Agenda & [Minutes](#)

Friday, March 19, 2010

At the home of Tricia Erazo Penn

**2010 Club Goals**

Increase visibility locally (New Mexico)

Education (tied to NM history where possible, but primary emphasis on general Basque culture/language/etc.)

**Participants:**

Roger Martinez y Mondragon, President

Blas P. Uberuaga, Vice-President

Lisa Van De Graaff, Secretary/Treasurer

Karen Squires, Secretary/Treasurer

Sherry Morrison, Director

Paul Morrison, Member

Mike Morrison, Guest of Paul & Sherry

Tricia Erazo Penn, Director

Eva Valencia de Himmerich, Director

Bob Himmerich y Valencia, Member

**AGENDA / Minutes**

Quick Updates:

- \* Thank you for hosting us in your beautiful home, Tricia!
- \* Karen and Lisa got the signatory designations changed on the B of A checking account.
- \* Karen passed around the state registration form for everyone present to fill-out.

(1) Cooking Class Follow-Up (Karen & Lisa)

- Full class of 8 students (for some this was the first NMEE event in years, for others it was the first ever.)
- We may use some of the recipes for the Tapas event.
- Financials (over-budget)

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Delta</b>
Postcards & Postage	\$96.29		
Wine	\$75.60		
Gross Receipts Tax	\$26.00		
TOTAL	\$197.89	\$176.00	\$21.89

- \* We will try to do another class later in the year
- \* Over-budget amount approved by Board.

(2) NABO (Blas)

- We have received confirmation from the Basque Country!  
So we can now participate in events in the Basque Country.  
Bob asked about opportunities for scholarship to Euskal Herria, and Blas will look into that.  
Grants may be an option, but it isn't clear with the political environment.
- Application status  
Blas is completing the application now, and we will need to pay dues to NABO (something like \$100 per club, plus \$1 per member).
- \* Being a member of NABO provides opportunities for us such as a national mus tournament, a summer camp for kids, and a network.
- \* There will be a NABO meeting at Jaialdi. The two highest ranking Board members of NMEE present for Jaialdi will attend the meeting and vote on our behalf.

(3) Brochure (Lisa) - Sorry, didn't get this done. Will work on after membership drive and communicate via email.

(4) Membership Drive (Lisa & Karen)

- Per bylaws, dues should be paid by April 1, so we are already behind.
- See proposed letter and app for Board discussion...  
Board approved of Lisa's drafts of letters/forms
- \* Lisa will get the letters mailed by the end of the month.
- \* Sherry & Tricia will call non-members who don't respond as needed.

(5) May Potluck / MUS Lesson (Lou)

- May 1 or 2? There is a slight preference for Sunday the 2nd with the Board. Since Lou could not attend, Lisa will contact to see what the options are.
- Postcards? Lisa will prepare the postcards and labels, and Sherry will assemble and mail the cards.

(6) Los Lunas Gernika Tree (Lisa)

No response to email. Lisa will see if there is another way to contact him.

(7) Tapas Fundraiser (Blas, Lisa, Karen)

- \* Saturday, June 19 at the Elks Lodge in Santa Fe.
- Recommend same pricing structure as 2008 (\$35 members, \$40 non-members, \$5 discount for early purchase).  
Board approval.
- This budget request is for the fundraising portion of the event only. It does not include the educational elements we discussed (mus tournament, dancers, etc).

	2010 Budget
2008 Costs (118 guests)	2,379

	<b>2010 Budget</b>
Add'l Food (very high donations in 2008)	500
Wine purchase (donated in 2008)	550
Travel expenses for Chef Isaac Rivera	500
Direct mailing costs/Advertisement	250
Printing (+ professional printer)	162
<b>Total Budget Request for 2010</b>	<b>\$4,341</b>

\$3,290 estimated net if we sell out at 150 paid tickets (40% member, 60% non-member) and make exactly the same amount per person on the auction.

Risk Analysis:

\$1,640 estimated net if we sell only 100 tickets

\$ 646 estimated net if we sell only 100 tickets & auction profits down 20% from 2008.

Board approval for budget of \$4,341. Agreement that committee will self regulate and lower its food and wine budget as donations come in.

- \* Per Blas, Reno dancers are not available, but Chino or Wyoming dancers may be...
- \* Roger suggested linking the timing of next year's Tapas Fundraiser with the Pamplona Festival (1st week of July).
- \* Paul suggested we consider the Santa Fe Woman's Club.

#### (8) Jaialdi (Lisa)

- Sonia Ulibarri has agreed to design a t-shirt for us and set up to sell to order on one of her online sites (probably cafe press). She would charge us \$30 for the design and set-up and sell the products to members at cost or only a nominal surcharge. Board approved \$30 expenditure but asked that the t-shirt be more general (2010 NMEE) and that the Board get to see the design before it is made available to the public.

#### (9) Picnic (Eva)

- Confirm date: Saturday, August 21, 2010, confirmed. Alternate date in the event of bad weather is the following Saturday, August 28, 2010.
- Confirm location: Hyde Park (will need to make a reservation). Picnic will be held at Bob & Eva's property in Pena Blanca.
- For ad in newsletter: Start time, admission, and what will we provide for food and drink?
  - \* \$5 members / \$10 non-members / kids under 12 free

- \* People may arrive as early as 10am to set up, event begins at 1pm
- \* Roger has soda and raffle items left over from last year.
- \* Bob will talk to Reyes and Samuel about roasting a lamb in a pit.
- \* We will serve drinks, chorizo, and maybe lamb. Desserts and sides will be potluck.

(10) Travel Bug Slide Show (Blas)

This is pending, we will consider a date in the autumn.

(11) Lecture (Blas)

- Christine Bender?

Christine lives in the Boise area and has written extensively. We could potentially couple her visit with a potluck and/or book signing at one of the local bookstores. Blas will contact her.

(12) Historical Study (Blas)

- UNR Student? There is some interest, but not sure about student availability. Blas will forward information to Bob for assistance.
- Dick Etulain at UNM (Bob to contact) would require first class travel and accommodation that we cannot afford.
- Samuel (Lisa to contact) cannot take this on right now, but asked to be kept in the loop for future opportunities.
- \* UNM History Dept Chair: Charlie Stein / Latin, Ibero-American Institute
- \* May be an opportunity to partner UNM student with UNR resources?

(13) Schedule July Meeting to discuss

- Annual Meeting
- Bi-Annual Report
- Election of 2011 Board
- Bylaw change recommendations (changes to dues structure?)
- \* Saturday, June 26 at 6:30pm. Roger will host at his new gallery in Rinconada.

(14) Tapas Dinner (Sherry)

- \* There are two opportunities in Albuquerque: Cosmos and Geckos. A subset of the Board will take a field trip to check them out and make a decision. Sherry will find out hours and poll the Board for the most availability.