

Minutes of Meeting  
1/23/10

MEDAH Board Meeting, Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Punchbowl Homes, Recreation room, 730 Captain Cook Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m. by Vice President Kalae Kaina, as Shadiya arrived a few minutes later.

In Attendance were President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher, Vice President Kalae Kaina, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Tara Severns, Larry Ward and Heather Crotsley (by phone from Ohio); Zagoreet and MEDAH Website Editor Jessica Rose, and guests Jackie and Evelyn Ward.

*Minutes* were read. Motion was made to accept the minutes; all were in favor and the motion passed.

*Treasurer's Report* was given by Dorothy Wheeler: MEDAH has \$2,160.00. Dorothy and Shadiya must still sign new signature cards at American Savings Bank. Amy still must give checkbooks to Shadiya.

Old Business:

Jessica Rose reported that the bylaws on the website are old. She verified the information about the term limits for officers. She confirmed that the president is responsible for the membership email list.

Bob McKeand's proposal - Jessica only has video archives, but no photo archives. There was discussion of lack of photos and timeliness of receipt of photos. It was suggested we just pay Bob for certain photos, but we would have to meet with him to choose them, which is time-consuming. He was paid \$200 for video archives, but the video is not edited. Jessica has 12-14 DVDS.

Bob was paid \$200 on Nov. 28, 2009, for scanning the Z. There was discussion about where he can get all the copies of the Z's. It was questioned whether it is appropriate to pay the MEDAH official photographer. There was discussion of the MEDAH camera which had been sold, and discussion about members taking photos of events, and of a members-only website for which members sign waivers to post videos of their performances. The reason for having video/photo archive was questioned.

Motion was made and passed to offer a new proposal for Bob to forget providing video or photos and instead to scan the Zagoreet issues. Per his current proposal, he is paid \$10 per video event and \$10 per photo event. As there has only been one haflah (the December, 2009 election haflah), he has only earned \$20 of the pre-paid \$200. MEDAH proposes he use the

remaining \$180 for scanning the Z at \$2.00 per issue, and we would ask that he do half of the issues perhaps by April 30 and the remainder by May 31.

Bob would still be allowed to video and photograph at MEDAH events and sell to the membership, much as he did before his first proposal was accepted. Meanwhile the board will explore the possibility of having the Z scanned into pdf format at the media department of Windward Community College.

The video archives are now stored with Amy, who will deliver them, along with the banner and other MEDAH materials, to Kalae at the next meeting.

Jessica has in her possession some framed pictures of some MEDAH dancers that were to be used at a gallery exhibit at Borders months ago and were never used. It was suggested that these could be used at a First Friday event, perhaps at Ong King or Open Space (where there is a Moroccan tea room).

*New Business:*

The board revisited having waiver and release forms for performers.

Jessica made a proposal for managing the website, the Z, the Facebook page and the MySpace page. She was never paid, but was reimbursed for some expenses. She has had trouble getting content from the members. She proposed that the president do an aloha for every issue of the Z. She needs photos and bios for all the board members, photos of events, event updates, list of teachers and contact info. She would like to report all dance and Middle Eastern events, even those that are not MEDAH events. She works about 3 hours/month and would like to be paid \$50/month. She would charge \$25/hr for any work exceeding the 3 hours/month, but would ask the board approval before doing that extra work. She would require submission of info by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and the Z would be posted on the first of each month. Motion was made to accept Jessica's proposal. The motion passed.

It was suggested that we email members and announce on Facebook for submissions to the Z by the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jessica has tried this and still gets no info. It was suggested the Z could revisit a dancer or event from 10 years ago in a regular piece entitled "Ten Years Ago Today", in an effort to provide content.

Membership drive – There was discussion about getting people to renew and to bring back old members.

Dorothy Wheeler volunteered to do a mailing to everyone to encourage membership renewal. This would be done in regular mail.

Teachers need to renew by Feb 15 in order to be included in our teacher listing in the March issue of the Z.

There was discussion of the benefits of membership: low membership fee, discount prices at workshops, certain haflahs, the Z, discount on advertising on the Z, social camaraderie and to support the organization and its mission.

A paypal account was suggested for payment of ads, to pay membership and make donations. Eventbrite (shopping cart) was also suggested, in order to set up payment and to record names and addresses for our membership list.

Events for 2010 were discussed, including a future presentation on the Silk Road by Dorothy and a possible visiting guest dancer from Seattle. Member-at-Large Heather Crotsley may visit in Oct.

Tentative Calendar of Events for 2010:

Feb –Dorothy to send mailing for membership drive; Z to come out on Feb. 1;  
Board/Membership Meeting on Feb. 13, 1 p.m., Ward’s Rafters.

Mar - Haflah – Mar. 13 at Ward’s Rafters.

Apr - dinner show, TBA . Perhaps on a Thursday, \$35 or \$40 for set menu at  
Pyramids (Tarek takes \$25 per dinner); seating at 7, show 8 -9.

May - Haflah ?; Kalae will be gone to Tribal Fest.

Jun – 2 events: student recital perhaps at McCoy Pavilion, Palladium at Ala  
Wai golf course or at Academy of the Pacific; Tara to do a drum  
workshop in late June, perhaps at Yoga Hawaii.

July - Midsummer Night’s Glean; Makiki Festival

Aug. – Greek dancing workshop possibly weekend before the festival; Greek  
Festival is late Aug.

Sept. presence at /or support of a possible Islam Day event - perhaps have  
a special issue of Z

Oct - Henna workshop & possible guest dancer workshop

Nov – Holiday haflah & voting before Thanksgiving

Dec. - no event planned

Jan. 2011 - winter haflah and greet new board members

Next Board/Membership Meeting is scheduled Feb 13, 1:00 p.m., Ward’s Rafters.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,  
Renée Arnold