

Minutes of Meeting  
December 11, 2010

MEDAH BOARD meeting – Saturday, December 11, 2010, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher.

**In Attendance** – 2010 Board members: President Margery Doescher, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at- Large Tara Severns and Larry Ward. New 2011 Board members: President Masayo Loyd, Vice President Natalie Hiratsuka , Members-at-Large Nikki Gomez, Shirlita Jones and Tammy Yee-Custodio. Also in attendance was MEDAH Webmaster Jessica Rose.

**Minutes** of the last meeting had been approved by email.

**Treasurer’s Report** was given by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The balance is \$1,785.07. \$285 cash was brought in by the holiday haflah on November 13, 2010. Two deposits (\$.04 and \$.11) were initiated by and received from PayPal on October 18, 2010, officially setting up MEDAH’s account. Tara will give the information to Jessica in order to have a button put on the MEDAH website. The President’s book of additional checks, kept as back-up, must be passed from President Margery Doescher to Masayo Loyd at a later date. She already gave Masayo the Post Office key. Dorothy and Masayo will go to the bank to change the signature card at a later date.

**Old Business:**

President Margery Doescher gave the new 2011 board members an overview of MEDAH events and procedures in 2010. She reported that the organization was revitalized and had good productivity because the 2010 board had an agenda and activities each month.

Holiday Haflah –\$285 was taken in at the door. Attendance was not as high as expected and some reasons were suggested: ArtZone is difficult to find; parking is on the street; the area is often rainy; public advertising is not allowed. It was suggested that performing is difficult for choreographed numbers, as the room is set up “in the round.” Those who attended and performed enjoyed themselves and it was an overall success.

Elections – Very few members participated in the November election and improvement was discussed. Voting by email should be implemented in 2011.

**New Business:**

President Margery Doescher suggested the new board reflect on what they wish to focus on for 2011. There was discussion about MEDAH’s place in the community and whether the organization still fills a purpose. It was agreed that MEDAH offers a way for students to perform without judgment and brings together all styles of the

dance in a collaborative effort to educate the community about Middle Eastern culture.

MEDAH materials- President Margery Doescher is to give the checks to President Masayo; the signature card is to be changed at the bank by Dorothy and Masayo; Vice President Kalae Kaina gave 2 cases of files and videos to new Vice President Natalie Hiratsuka; Tara gave the banner to Natalie. Jessica has Zagoreets; The camel is with former member Ephrosine Daniggelis; Margery Doescher has MEDAH's paper goods and offers to allow MEDAH to store materials at the Island Oasis store.

MEDAH procedures - Jessica explained that MEDAH follows Robert's Rules of Order and minutes structure. She explained that 1/3 of the membership must be at a meeting, and a majority vote of those in attendance is required to change the bylaws. The board must meet once a month; the bylaws must be changed in order to change the frequency of meetings or to pay board members a stipend. President Margery Doescher suggested to new President Masayo that she make an agenda before each meeting, by checking the previous minutes.

Website Modernizing - In order to get more members and more involvement from existing members, MEDAH will become more user friendly. Jessica will investigate further. Jessica will set up the PayPal button. At Jessica's suggestion, motion was made and approved to abandon the MEDAH MySpace page. It was suggested to open a Twitter account and Shirlita offered to oversee the account. Jessica made the new board administrators able to use the Facebook Page, which is linked to Jessica's personal page. Motion was made and approved to retain Jessica as webmaster in 2011. Jessica needs a photo and short bio from the new board members.

Email - There will be discussion at the next meeting regarding who will handle the MEDAH email and eBlasts. The Vice President had been doing the eblasts in 2010 and there had been discussion of transferring the task to Jessica. Jessica has set up medah.org email addresses for the board. The new board will decide whether a person must be a member in order to receive an eblast.

Photos and Archiving - Jessica explained to the new board about the archiving of the Zagoreet. Tammy offered to help with the scanning of the paper Z's for putting them onto the website. Shirlita may be able to use a multiple scanner. Tara has access to color copying at a low cost. Tammy offered to talk to photographers Mike Bambi and Bob McKeand about taking their names off the front of photos they submit to the Z and about giving Jessica license to edit photos. Jessica requests that people label the photos they submit. It was suggested MEDAH find an intern in journalism, media or communications to help Jessica. Jessica needs to receive information by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be included in the posting of the Z on the first of the following month.

Calendar – The 2010 calendar was discussed, so that the new board can think about which activities to continue in 2011:

- Haflah – March
- Fundraiser – April (Pyramids)
- Student Recital – June
- Midsummer Night’s Gleam – July (participation; non-profit collaboration)
- MEDAH teacher workshop – August (Greek line-dancing in 2010)
- Workshop – out of town teacher
- Winter haflah – voting

Other suggested calendar events for 2011 are the Makiki Festival (canceled in 2010), through the Sunset on the Beach sponsors; Kaimuki Block Party; Art on the Lawn; and the Honolulu Festival.

Meetings – In order to accommodate busy schedules of board members, and to modernize procedures, the board will explore using Skype, Yahoo Messenger, and Go To Meeting.com.

Venues – President Margery Doescher explained that as a non-profit, MEDAH has access to low-cost City and County facilities for events. This includes Paki Hale, McCoy Pavilion, Hawaii Theater and Blaisdell, however the latter is expensive because MEDAH would be required to pay the ushers and ticket takers, union workers.

Elections– To improve participation, the board will consider e-ballots and Ballot Bin, a free web service. Jessica stated that in the past, some members were afraid to be online or to vote by email. She will look further into the voting process.

Volunteers – It was suggested that the new board ask for volunteers to help at events, offering free entrance, if needed on a case by case basis. Board members may not be paid unless bylaws are changed. Currently MEDAH pays for flyers, website maintenance and for running a sound system at events.

Membership Drive – MEDAH will have a membership drive in January. Jessica will send an eblast to announce the ability to renew membership by PayPal. The sign-up sheet was revised in November, but will be reviewed at the January meeting before being given to Jessica for posting on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2011, at 2p.m. at Ward’s Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary, Renée Arnold