

Minutes of Meeting
1/9/2010

MEDAH Board Meeting, 1/9/2010, at University Burger King, Beretania Street.
The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by outgoing President Amy Bright.

In Attendance were MEDAH Members: Outgoing President Amy Bright, continuing Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, continuing Secretary Renée Arnold, new President Margery (Shadiya) Doescher, new Vice President Kalae Kaina, new Member-at-Large Tara Severns.

Minutes were read aloud by Amy Bright.

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Dorothy Wheeler: MEDAH has \$2,020.80 as of Jan. 1, 2010. The bank statement is now online. Access to bank account, checkbooks and post office box are to be passed on to Shadiya.

Old Business:

Bob McKeand's proposal for archiving videos and photos was discussed. It was explained that he sends them to member Jessica Rose Schmidt to post on the website. It was explained that he did all the archiving for 2008 and that his proposal was presented in fall 2009 for continuing with the 2009 archives.

The outgoing board explained that the 2009 dues were reduced to \$20 because it was MEDAH's 20th anniversary and the costs of the Zagoreet are lower due to posting it online and avoiding mailing. The new board would consider continuing the same rate in 2010.

There was a recap of the events: 4 haflahs at Ward's Rafters, the Gleam, and the new Makiki Festival.

New Business:

New Board - Amy Bright officially transferred the power to the new board:

President: Margery M. (Shadiya) Doescher
Vice President: Kalae Kaina
Secretary: Renée Arnold
Treasurer: Dorothy Wheeler
Member-at-Large: Tara Severns
Member-at-Large: Larry Ward
Member-at-Large: Heather Crotsley (mainland)

By-Laws - The new board reviewed the by-laws, the need for 4 members to form a quorum to hold a meeting, the need for 10 days in order to vote to change by-laws; the vote in recent years that changed the officers' term limits from two one-year terms for all officers to no term limits except that of the President. The President would be limited to two one-year terms.

Mission - The board reviewed the mission of MEDAH: to promote awareness of and education about Middle Eastern dance and culture. It was resolved to sponsor more events that promote this mission.

Events and Venues - in addition to the Ward's Rafters events, the Gleam and the new Makiki Festival, MEDAH should sponsor recitals, local teachers' workshops, and workshops for visiting dancers. Shadiya pointed out that as a non-profit organization, MEDAH may rent

city and county venues for a very minimal fee. MEDAH should have some events in more family-friendly non-alcoholic venues. There was discussion about scheduling events so as not to conflict with other events sponsored by local dancers. All events must be actively advertised in the Zagoreet and on the website. Discussion of venues and events will be continued at the next meeting.

Zagoreet - The board resolved to post the Zagoreet more regularly on the website, at the same time each month. Shadiya will write an Aloha in the Zagoreet. There was also discussion about the name "Zagoreet" versus "Z"; It was explained that Z became an acronym for the Zagoreet rather than a name change. Advertising of MEDAH events, as well as paid advertisements by individual dancers, and by local businesses in the Zagoreet was discussed.

Website and Facebook - the board will ask Jessica Rose Schmidt to continue upkeep of the websites and to give the board a proposal for a fee to be paid by MEDAH for such work.

Lists - The Board discussed transfer of the MEDAH email list to Shadiya. Secretary Renée Arnold will get the 2009 membership list to board members in order that the 2009 members may be contacted about rejoining in 2010.

Dues - Motion was made to keep the dues to \$20 for 2010; the motion passed unanimously. The reasoning was that the website and use of email has cut the cost of mailings.

MEDAH property - Amy currently has the banner and video archives, and Ephrosine Daniggelis, a former MEDAH member, has been storing the MEDAH camels. Historically, the vice president has been in charge of MEDAH materials; therefore they will be transferred to Kalae.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at Punchbowl Homes, (where Dorothy lives), Recreation Room, 730 Captain Cook Avenue, Honolulu, HI, 96813. Those wishing to attend should contact Dorothy at 739-9223 for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

MEDAH Secretary,
Renée Arnold