

Minutes of Meeting  
June 2, 2014

**MEDAH BOARD** meeting at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**In Attendance** - President Miko Ries, Secretary Renée Arnold, Members at Large Kornélia Szauter and Shannon Sweet.

**Minutes of Meeting** - The minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - full report deferred to next meeting, due to absence of Treasurer Marsha Robinson. Balance is \$2613.12, as reported on MEDAH Board Facebook page after the May meeting.

**Old Business:**

Student Recital/ Hafla/ renamed "Shimmy Summer Fling" - 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2014, Fresh Café, 831 Queen St., 808-688-8055, seating for 75. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers; Renew or join MEDAH for \$20 and pay no cover. Performers Free. Members can bring cards and flyers to advertise classes, events, etc. Event is open to all members to perform. Showcase of students is encouraged. Members are encouraged to renew membership. The venue was changed because ArtZone's owner canceled the event the day after our May meeting, citing personal reasons. Rental of venue \$500 (\$200/hr at 2.5 hours); cash bar \$150; Total Cost \$650; deposit of \$325.00 paid by Vice President Tammy Yee-Custodio, to be reimbursed. Tammy to print flyers. Vendors to contact Tammy; dancers to send bio to MEDAH email, and send music files to Casandra Fruge who will make a playlist on her smartphone, and send a copy to Shannon Sweet. Sound system and microphone provided; Cassie and Shannon to bring cell phone chargers; Members will be eblasted and message will be posted on Facebook and the website, call for dancers and membership renewals. Vendors pay \$35 members/\$40 nonmembers; payment through PayPal on the MEDAH website, click on Donate. Treasurer Marsha Robinson to be in contact with Tammy about payments. Dee Dee Valencia to be MC. Renée to bring red electrical tape to mark dangerous areas on the floor, which were apparent last year's MEDAH event at the venue. Marsha to bring \$200 seed money for the door; Renée to bring membership list; Tammy to bring lineup, printed bios for the MC, stage decorations and sign-up sheets; Tammy and Renée to arrive at 5:30 to set up. Vendors arrive by 6:00 p.m. Dressing area in the loft.

Morning Brew - (808-364-5581) To set up an ongoing MEDAH event, call to find out who is the manager. Christian may still be arranging the Saturday events. Call at the beginning of the month. Best time is 6-8, show from 6:30-7:30; best not to stop for an intermission, or the people will leave; avoid having heavy bass in music, or the speakers will blow; should set up screens and decor, set up a table for cards; remind

them to move the furniture off the stage area; talk to the night manager (Courtney?) about getting 10% of the earnings for the evening.

Linkedin - Doo Ra, advertising manager at Hawaii Pacific University, requested to add MEDAH to his/her professional network. Deferred to next meeting.

Visiting Dancer - Alia of Australia clarified with Secretary Renée Arnold by email that Princess Farhana and Issam would be coming to Australia next year, in 2015, and not in 2014 as previously understood. Does MEDAH want to bring her back here in late September or early October? There will still be a conflict with the Belly Dance Convention in early October. Alia needs to know by the beginning of September, 2014. This would leave one year to plan. What is the ballpark cost? Deferred to next meeting.

Bank Account - After the May meeting, Secretary Renée called former Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler regarding the new bank fee of \$4.95 on the MEDAH account. She said MEDAH used to have the Biz-Free Account. Renée then called the bank and they explained the accounts were changed and that MEDAH now has Biz-Simple, which provided online banking. The fee can be avoided by moving to Biz-Classic. The bank said that notices were sent to MEDAH in January and March. Renée also deposited the four membership renewals (3 checks and 1 cash) and the earnings from the Morning Brew event (\$96), totaling \$176. Renée then checked the P.O. Box and there were no notices received from the bank.

Sound system - The Board considered buying a sound system, but Kornélia Szauter, Member at Large whose family is in the sound business, advised against it because the humidity in Hawaii causes deterioration of electronics within 5 years. The storage unit would also need to be maintained.

Storage unit - The Board will discuss whether or not to keep the storage unit after Treasurer Marsha Robinson has had time to look through all the files given to her by Dorothy. Renée and Tammy will help her. Tammy has agreed to keep the box of decorations at her house.

Liability Insurance - deferred until Trisha Drennan has gathered more information.

Foster Garden's Midsummer Night's Gleam - deferred to next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 7, at 7:30 at Miko's office, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary