

Minutes of Meeting  
January 5, 2015

**MEDAH BOARD** meeting was held at Finance Factors Building, 1164 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

**In Attendance** - President Miko Ries, Vice President Masayo Loyd, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Kornélia Szauter, Members at Large Helena Ratzlaff Bauer and Bob McKeand.

**Minutes of Meeting** - Minutes of the November and December meetings to be revised to reflect deposit of \$20 membership payment that was received in November.

**Treasurer's Report** - The report was given by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. The Balance is \$2,931, reflecting no change since the last month's report. The treasurer's files through 2013 were received from former treasurer Marsha Robinson. On December 27, Secretary Renée Arnold helped Nelli go through 12 years of files and shred all files older than 2008. There were no files for 2014. Nelli proposed to digitalize the remainder of the files, to help with storage. Nelli has possession of the Journey through the Silk Road cookbooks. The checkbook and money pouch are still in Marsha's possession. Nelli filed the IRS Form 990 epostcard for 2013 and 2014. She volunteered to make a spreadsheet for incoming and outgoing money. Nelli found a document online that states that public charities keep records for 3 years. Further discussion of file storage is needed. Nelli & Marsha must meet to change the paypal account into Nelli's name. Nelli will ask Tammy Yee-Custodio, the web master, for instructions. For Board members renewed membership at the meeting.

**Old Business:**

Morning Brew Valentine Veils event - Feb. 7, 2015; stage 1 ft high with railings; floor space in front of stage is small. Arrive 1 hour early to set up; At strategic moment, have Peter move tables back for us. Put music on iphone; give list of lineup to Peter; Send music and bio to MEDAH 808 email. Nelli to put on ipod; Helenka to help with lineup. Tammy will do the flyer. Accept donations. Ask if Ric Custodio has a fez to pass around for \$, or Renée to bring basket; Miko to drum. Renée & Miko to MC; Bob to be photographer; Helenka to get back to Peter and explain that we used to get 10% of their profits and ask for the same arrangement; tell him it's tax-deductible donation to non-profit. After the event, approach Peter about a regular event every 2 or 3 months.

MEDAH materials stored at Kunti Devi's store since January 2014 - Bob called Kunti's mother Barbara's cell phone, following up on her email in November, and she said he could come to the store to pick up the materials after Christmas. He called back to the store and spoke to Kunti who was not willing to return the materials. There was discussion of sending a card to Kunti. Helena offered to help Bob retrieve the materials at a later date.

**New Business:**

Tentative 2015 Schedule of events (parentheses indicate non-MEDAH event):  
Feb - Membership Drive event at Morning Brew, (promote Malia's visiting dancer)  
Mar - KCC International Festival - late march  
April - Fundraiser show - catering from Da Spot  
May - (promote Tribal Fest, May 12-17)  
June - Student Recital

July - Foster Garden Midsummer Night's Gleam

Aug - Teacher workshop, Peer collaboration, or non-member teacher workshop. For example Indian, African, Flamenco, etc.

Oct - (Belly Dance Convention approx Oct 10) - table/ vending/ perform

Nov - Culture Celebration

Event venue - Vice President Masayo Loyd reported that she teaches at Aloha Dancesport Center on Ward Ave. where there are 2 studios we could possibly use for events; a small studio (\$250/night); Larger room w/ kitchen (\$500/night); we have to set up (has 200 chairs); BYOB.

Heaven Mousalem - Malia is sponsoring this visiting dancer and offered to give MEDAH members a discount in exchange for our help in promotion; Show Feb 25 (7:30 p.m. at Kan Zaman Restaurant downtown); workshop Feb 28 2-5pm; private lessons through Mar 5; The Board voted to advertise and encourage members to go; \$5 discount was offered to members; Miko will get back to her, suggesting that \$5 was perhaps too low.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary