

Minutes of Meeting  
March 9, 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 7:36 p.m.

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

**Minutes of Meeting** - Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report** - Balance is \$3,417.70. On March 7 there was a deposit of \$40 for 2 new members from the Aisha Ali hafla sponsored by Willow Chang. In addition, a deposit for \$69, representing half the proceeds from the hafla, was also deposited, because MEDAH paid half (\$52) of the cost of rental of the venue. The \$52 check written to Willow for this expense has not yet been cashed.

**Old Business:**

Aisha Ali Workshops and Hafla - The hafla on Feb. 21 was sponsored by Willow Chang as a MEDAH fundraiser. Two new members signed up at the event. Four MEDAH members performed, and MEDAH's Treasurer Kornélia Szauter graciously collected entrance fees at the door, upon last minute request by Willow. MEDAH received half the proceeds because we paid for half of the studio rental fee. The workshops were canceled because Aisha Ali became ill and did not come to Hawaii. She plans to reschedule in May.

KCC International Festival - Coordinated by Secretary Renée Arnold, parking passes were brought to the meeting for participating board members, and other passes were mailed. Treasurer Kornélia Szauter mailed an invoice dated March 18 (the date of MEDAH's performance) to Barbara Carlos, secretary to the Director Carl Hefner, for the amount of \$400. This amount is for \$200 for this year plus \$200 for MEDAH's 2014 performance at the festival, for which payment was never received.

MEDAH materials stored at Kunti Devi's store - Members at Large Bob McKeand and Helena Ratzlaff Bauer were not able to meet with former MEDAH Pres. Kunti Devi on Feb 10 as planned. However, Bob continued to have several positive communications with her and mailed the Board's goodwill note of appreciation to her on Friday, Mar 6. He called her today to arrange to pick up the MEDAH materials before the meeting, but she was too busy. Now he plans to go tomorrow and will update the Board on Facebook.

Performance of Minors - The Board decided that minors can participate in MEDAH events if a parent is a member. Children 5 and up are welcome. The Parent must attend the event.

**New Business:**

Morning Brew - Helena contacted both managers Pete and Peter regarding another event but they have not returned her calls. The Board is interested in booking an event in May.

April Fundraiser - There was discussion about having this event at Ward's Rafters with catering by Da Spot. President Miko Ries will contact Larry about this. Another venue to

consider is the Aloha Studio where Vice President Masayo teaches. Masayo was absent from the meeting, so the Board was unable to discuss it at the meeting.

Shimmymob.com - May 9, on World Belly Dance Day - Helena brought to the Board's attention this annual event which occurs around the world on the same day, with proceeds going to charities that benefit women and children. MEDAH would sponsor anyone who would wish to participate, member or not, dancer or not. MEDAH would ask charities if they would want to receive donations. Helena would be a group leader for Hawaii and MEDAH would be posted on the Shimmymob.com website. We would run events up to the May 9 event, raising funds for local charities, the names of such charities also being posted on the website. Each participate must register on the website and pay \$35 for a t-shirt and the choreography, as well as the name of the music to be used. Part of the registration money would be donated to charities as well. Helena and Miko will meet with DJ Nocturna for promotional help and Helena will ask Tammy Yee-Custodio about creating an account on meetuphawaii.com to invite others to join MEDAH. Charities discussed: IHS shelter, Kokua, Safe Haven, YWCA for battered women, Catholic Charities. Suggested venues for the performance on May 9: Magic Island (with Diamond Head in the background), Ala Moana Center Stage, Kapiolani Bandstand. Helena already contacted Ala Moana Center Stage and they said it was not appropriate but the Board did not understand why, as we have performed there in the past. Helena will contact them again. Miko suggested that local singer Kiana Luna may be able to help. Each board member will look at the website and more discussion can take place on the Facebook page.

gigsalad.com - Helena also brought to the Board's attention this website on which artists may list themselves for free advertisement for bookings. When an artist gets a referral for a gig, \$15 goes to the gigsalad.com. For extra advertisement, the artist can pay a fee. Board members should look at the website to see if MEDAH should be listed, and discuss at future meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 7:30 at the office of President Miko Ries, 1164 Bishop Street.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold  
MEDAH Secretary