

Minutes of Meeting
January 11, 2016

MEDAH BOARD meeting was held at Century Square Building, 1188 Bishop Street, at the office of President Miko Ries. He called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

In Attendance - President Miko Ries, Vice President Helena Ratzlaff, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter, Members at Large Amala Gameela, Ariyana Lucarelli, Jahara Al Jawaher, Bob McKeand and Anjanette Thomas.

Minutes - The minutes of the December, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - The report was read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. On November 24, 2015 there was a transfer of \$60 for 3 memberships from Paypal to the bank account. On November 25 there was a deposit of \$500 from the Culture Celebration event at Ward's Rafters. The balance on the December 8, 2015, statement was \$3,806.45. Nelli will call Tammy Yee-Custodio regarding the change of the payment for the hosting of the MEDAH website. This is because of the Yahoo Small Business change to Aabaco. She will investigate setting up an automatic payment through Paypal.

Old Business:

Culture Celebration - Ward's Rafters, November, 2015. President Miko Ries followed up on the complaint about a videographer at the event. Miko spoke to the videographer and he decided not to come to MEDAH events for a while.

Medah materials - All the materials should be given to Helena, as the Vice President is designated in the bylaws. Anjanette will get utensils from Nikki; Renee to get stuff from Masayo; Miko to give banner to Helena .

Yahoo Small Business - Tammy looked into and verified the name change to Aabaco Small Business. As stated in the Treasury Report, an automated payment through Paypal for the hosting of the MEDAH.org website will be explored. Paypal was never accepted by Yahoo in the past. Tammy found that Aabaco will accept Paypal payments.

Global Dance Directory - This is the directory of the International Dance Council, based in Paris and affiliated with UNESCO . The Board discussed an email invitation to MEDAH to be listed in this directory of 300,000 addresses from 200 countries. The Board was given the website **www.cid-portal.org** at the meeting, and Renée will send it to the Board members as well. MEDAH is already listed but we need to provide more or updated information. International Dance Day is April 29, 2016. We may wish to plan an event, and some suggestions can be found on their website. Tammy suggested we send the following information: ADDRESS: P.O. Box 22282, Honolulu. HI 96823-2282; EMAIL: medah808@gmail.com; WEBSITE: <http://medah.org> " MEDAH is the only non-profit organization in Hawaii dedicated to promoting the diversity of Middle Eastern and related forms of dance, music, art and culture through education, instruction and community. We host cultural events, performances and workshops."

Vietnamese New Year Celebration - On Sunday, January 24, 2016, at the Kapiolani Bandstand. Tammy Yee-Custodio contacted the organization and they invited MEDAH to

participate as we did last year. Several Board members will be available. An eblast call for dancers, along with encouragement to renew membership, will be sent to members.

T-shirts - This has been deferred to the next meeting, to allow the new Board members to look at the designs, various websites and additional information posted on the Board Facebook Page. It was noted that Kalae Kaina prefers tank tops to t-shirts and that Natalie Phoenix also makes t-shirts.

Lighting - Camel lighting search was deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Welcome to the new Executive Board for 2016:

President: Dr Richard (Miko) Ries

Vice President: Helena (Helenka) Ratzlaff

Secretary: Renée Arnold

Treasurer: Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter

Members at Large: Amala Gameela, Jahara Al Jawaher, Ariyana Lucarelli,
Bob McKeand, Anjanette Thomas

The Board members introduced themselves and became better acquainted. New members were asked to provide a photo and bio to Tammy Yee-Custodio, the MEDAH web master, for the MEDAH website. Returning members may wish to provide updated information. The Board must renew their memberships right away.

Membership Renewal - Tammy will be asked to post Happy New Year and encourage members to renew.

Venues - Helena will contact Ala Moana Center Stage for a possible performance in February, for Valentine Veils; otherwise we ask to do it at Morning Brew again. Lita posted on Facebook that both locations of Fresh Café have closed. We need to update the MEDAH handbook list of venues.

Guest Dancers - The Board discussed possible guest dancers to be invited from the Mainland. A dancer who already plans to travel to Japan could stop on her way here, cutting the costs for MEDAH. Also, inviting a dancer from another island would be less expensive. The Board agreed to collaborate with local teachers who bring in guest dancers, as we did last year.

Calendar by Tammy - It was suggested that MEDAH ask Tammy to make a calendar featuring some of her art she created for MEDAH events.

Shimmy Mob Leader Fee Payment - Helena suggested she pay the \$35 Leader fee for MEDAH for this year's Shimmy Mob and she will cancel her debt of \$15 she never paid for her husband Brock's attendance at the Shimmy Splendor event last September and it will cover her \$20 membership renewal for 2016. The Board approved pending agreement by Nelli.

Tentative Calendar for 2016:

Jan - Vietnamese New Year, Jan. 24, Kapiolani Bandstand

Feb - Valentine Veils event (at Morning Brew, Ala Moana?). Tribal Massive Event on the Mainland, Feb 27 - Mar 11.

Mar - Waialua Carnival Mar. 5 & 6, MEDAH to perform one of those dates. Tammy was contacted by the organizer, Daniel Adams (jackofthedust@hawaii.rr.com, 808-497-2155.) Kapiolani Community College International Festival, Thursday, Mar 17. Kalae Kaina will be in Las Vegas. Alia, dancer from Melbourne, Australia to be in town Mar 25-29; possible event (workshop, show) scheduled to include her? Tribal Massive going on Feb 27 - Mar. 11.

April - Jahara suggested bringing musicians from San Francisco on her own, or perhaps sponsored by MEDAH. Possible Fundraiser for MEDAH? MEDAH had a fundraiser at Pyramids for 3 years in a row; tickets were sold for a dinner show.

May - Shimmy Mob Sat. 14; MEDAH is now the Group Leader, changed from Helena who was Leader last year. Cost is \$35 for the T-shirt and choreography, which is ATS this year. Beginners and non-dancers welcome to participate. Student Recital has been in May in the past. Tribal Fest, May 17-22 (Kalae may attend).

June - Student Recital, if we don't do it in May. Possible Fundraiser if we do not do it in April. Other venues to consider?

July - Midsummer Night's Gleam at Foster Botanical Gardens, July 16 (date to be confirmed).

August - MEDAH used to have a Greek Line Dancing workshop a week before the Greek Festival. What other event could we have? Raqs Tiki on Kauai, August 19 - 22.

Sept - Shimmy Splendor in September - at Aloha Dancesport, 350 Ward Ave, Suite 200, location to be determined. This could be a Fundraiser if we don't do it in April or June.

Oct - Belly Dance Convention sponsored by Malia Delapenia, October 7 - 12.

November - Culture Celebration at Ward's Rafters, November 5 (location & date to be determined)

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary