

Minutes of Meeting
October 17, 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 7:40 p.m.

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

Minutes - The minutes of the September Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter read the report. Balance on the October 10, 2016, statement was \$3140.22. Deposited on September 12, 2016: \$48 cash from the September 2, 2016, Sotos Kappas event at Ward's Raters and a check for the \$200 stipend for MEDAH's participation in the Kapiolani Community College International Festival on March 17, 2016.

Old Business:

Belly Dance Convention - October 13-17, 2016, sponsored by Malia Delapenia; MEDAH promoted this event, and many MEDAH members were involved as performers, audience members, and photographers, including Board members President Miko Ries, Ariyana Lucarelli, Amala Gameela, Anjanette Thomas and Bob McKeand. The event was a great success and there was very good feedback from the participants. MEDAH did not have a table at the event as in previous years. The Board discussed how MEDAH could play a bigger role in the future. Rather than pay for a table, it was suggested MEDAH provide a service, or sponsor part of the reception or another part of the event. The 2017 Board should plan in advance for next year's event.

Culture Day - Ward's Rafters, November 5, 2016. Doors open at 6 p.m.; show 7:30-9:30. Treasurer Nelli Szauter may not be able to attend. Member at Large Anjanette Thomas volunteered to man the door. It will be announced at the event that proceeds will go to the Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter, as pledged through MEDAH's participation in the Shimmy Mob international event on May 14, 2016. Secretary Renée Arnold will collect music files and bios, and she will pass the music on to Vice President Helena Ratzlaff to make the playlist. Member at Large Amala Gameela will be stage manager. There will be no last minute changes and multiple copies of the lineup will be printed by Wednesday, November 3. Lineup to be emailed to participants with notification of photography and filming at the event; those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed may request to opt out. President Miko Ries and Renée will MC; New Membership sheets and MEDAH cards to be on the table by the door; door to remain closed during the event. Larry's book for email sign-up will be by the door; Renée to bring book for MEDAH to collect emails as well. Bob McKeand to photograph & film from the 2nd row.

Upcoming event - Zoe Jakes & Kami Liddle Big Island Retreat, December 5-12, sponsored by Kalae Kaina.

New Business:

Communication - The MEDAH Board needs to provide pertinent information concerning events all at once to Tammy Yee-Custodio and to Shirlita Jones. All Board members must check the Board Facebook page regularly and help with proofing flyers and announcements.

Visiting Dancer - Artemis is coming to the Big Island on January 22, 2017. Ariyana will contact the sponsor Jennifer Lee, to see if MEDAH can bring her to Oahu.

Visiting Drummer & Dancer - Miko received an email from drummer Souhail Kaspar asking if MEDAH would sponsor a drum/dance workshop with visiting dancer, Ziva Emtiyaz, and himself, preferably in January or February, 2017. Miko will ask him about MEDAH responsibilities, should we accept this request.

New Dancer - Najla Raqs, a dancer from the state of Washington, has recently moved to the Big Island.

Membership Renewal - An email reminder should be sent soon to ask members to renew their membership in January. The Board will ask Shirlita Jones to send an eblast with a link to the MEDAH website (medah.org) so they can easily send payment by PayPal. More discussion is needed about when to send the email.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary