

Minutes of Meeting
November 14, 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 7:52 p.m.

In Attendance: President Miko Ries, Vice President Helena Ratzlaff, Secretary Renée Arnold, Members at Large Amala Gameela, Bob McKeand, Anjanette Thomas, and Jackie (Ariyana) Lucarelli attended by phone.

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

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter was absent but emailed the report. Balance on the November 8, 2016, statement was \$3140.22, no transactions. The proceedings from the Culture Day Event (November 5 Ward's Rafters) were \$ 838.00, approximately 20% were given to Larry for the room (\$170). Nelli deposited the \$668 from Ward's Rafters on November 10, 2016. Before the meeting, Nelli gave to Secretary Renée Arnold a check for \$334.50 (representing half of the proceeds) to be mailed to the Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter as the MEDAH Shimmy Mob donation.

Old Business:

Shimmy Mob donation - a letter to Windward Spouse Abuse Shelter was prepared by Secretary Renée Arnold, based on the one written last year by Vice President Helena Ratzlaff-Bauer, and was printed on the MEDAH letterhead, brought to the meeting and signed by President Miko Ries. Renée will mail the letter with the donation check for \$334.50.

Culture Day - Ward's Rafters, November 5, 2016. This event had standing room only; in fact, some people left due to no more seating. Bob McKeand will provide a copy of a performance for \$10 and will eventually send video and photos to Tammy Yee-Custodio for posting on the MEDAH websites. There were some music glitches due to a problem with the cable at the venue. There was discussion about bringing a cable to the next event and not using any extension cords in the future. The stage had to be altered for the Tango performers. Chairs were moved to the stage so that they could perform on the uncarpeted surface of the floor. It was decided that for future events at Rafters we would inform performers about the stage in the first eblast. There will also be a sign up sheet for MEDAH members to volunteer to help with events, and another sheet to sign up and pay in advance for Bob to make videos of specific performances. The information about the sign up sheets would be included in the first eblast of an event. Amala Gameela did a great job as stage manager, which was the first time MEDAH had one at a Ward Rafters event. Amala will provide the future signup sheets. These can be given to Tammy to add to the MEDAH Handbook. Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter was absent, so Member at Large Anjanette Thomas manned the door and helped to keep the door closed. Larry Ward helped to control the level of sound by using a decimal device, because the police were called to last year's event.

Voting for 2017 Board of Directors - The voting survey monkey will be sent with November 19 as the deadline for voting. The Board will have an eblast sent to remind members to vote. Board members will also "share" the reminder on the MEDAH Facebook page.

New Business:

Accupuncture Office-opening event - President Miko Ries was contacted by Alicia Lily Yang, a former MEDAH member and Shimmy Mob participant in 2015, about having MEDAH perform at the opening of her Kailua Accupuncture office and the opening of a hair salon in a nearby location. Helena will find out more information and post it on the Board Facebook page, before sending an eblast or posting information on the MEDAH websites.

Souhail Kaspar event - Miko was contacted by Los Angeles drummer Souhail Kaspar about the possibility of MEDAH sponsoring an event and drum/dance workshops with him, a flute player and dancer Ziva Emtiyaz. Miko told him that MEDAH could not likely pay for airfare or hotel for three people. Souhail is also working with a contact person at the Honolulu Art Museum and Shangri La, the Doris Duke estate. If they would sponsor Souhail, MEDAH could help promote the event, but it would be dependent on the new Board. Some Board members had seen some negative comments about Souhail on the Internet regarding a visit to the Big Island, so they will explore the situation before making a decision. He was here in 2014 and 2015, so some Board members also question bringing him back so soon.

Karim Nagi event - Amala Gameela told the Board that she is a friend of Karim, a very popular drummer and dancer, and she would ask him about coming to do a MEDAH event. A few other Board members prefer Karim's style of teaching to Souhail's, and said that Karim was a sought-after teacher who has never been here and who would likely be more welcomed by local dancers.

Amala Gameela workshop - Amala will be giving a Saidi workshop in January, to be promoted by MEDAH.

Dayl (Tara) Workman American Tribal Style workshop - This Dec. workshop was promoted by MEDAH.

Samantha (Sammi) Won, a participant at the Culture Day event, will offer a Nov-Dec 4-week Flutter Fan workshop. MEDAH will promote it, and Sammie will join MEDAH for 2017.

Membership Renewal - An eblast will be sent to remind members to renew membership by PayPal. Nelli will be asked to provide the PayPal link for the eblast.

New Board members - the new 2017 Board members will be announced and invited to the last meeting of 2016.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary