

Minutes of Meeting
February 1, 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 7:47 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, Bob McKeand and Anjanette Thomas. (Absent: Jahara Al Jawaher).

Minutes - The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - read by Treasurer Kornélia (Nelli) Szauter. Helena's \$20 renewal payment will be counted by her payment for the MEDAH leader fee of \$35 for the 2016 Shimmy Mob event; the remaining \$15 will cover an entrance to the Shimmy Splendor in September, 2015, event that was owed to MEDAH). On the January 10 statement there was a deduction of \$21.06 on January 7 for the banner. The current balance is \$3,785.39. Nelli will work with Tammy Yee-Custodio to set up automatic payment through Paypal for the website hosting on aabaco (formally Yahoo.com). After the January meeting, Tammy emailed that Paypal could now be used. It must correspond to the current Visa card number (ending in 5312) and must be updated when the card expiration date approaches (9/2016). Tammy sent Nelli and Renee the email account information that is attached to the Aabaco account. Nelli had received a check for \$20 for one Board member's renewal, but it has not yet been deposited. At the meeting two Board members renewed by check, one by cash and one by Paypal (total of \$80).

Old Business:

Global Dance Directory - The Board will ask Tammy to update the information on MEDAH in this directory and to announce on our website that April 29 is International Dance Day. The Board discussed a possible event to celebrate the day.

Vietnamese New Year Event - MEDAH received a heartfelt thank you from the event organizers and good feedback from the audience. Performers received free lunch.

Videographer complaint update- the videographer who was the subject of last month's discussion was not banned from MEDAH events, but he was told he would need permission of dancers to film them. The Board needs more discussion about what to do if he comes to a MEDAH event. He came to the Vietnamese New Year event. He took photos of the dancers but said he would not post them.

Valentine Veils - Center Stage, Ala Moana Center, Feb. 13, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Helena is in contact with Center Stage. She will make a playlist as usual. A soundman will be available. Each piece of music must be under 5 minutes. Amala will ask Kip and

Tara to play for 20 minutes. Dressing room available at 2 p.m. We will request 3 chairs and 3 microphones. Call for dancers (with MEDAH membership renewal required) to be sent in an eblast right away. centerstage@productionsserviceshi.com.

Waialua Carnival - March 5 & 6 - Referred by Tammy Yee-Custodio, who was initially contacted (Daniel Adams, jackofthedust@hawaii.rr.com, 808-497-2155). Later Helena was referred to new contact person: Clayton Cabibi, 808-782-6734; MEDAH requested Saturday evening, March 5, but were given the timeslot of 2:30-3:30. Eblast call for dancers, must respond by Feb. 7. Dressing room available. Details to be sent to Helena. Location is to be announced.

Kapiolani Community College International Festival - this is on Thursday, March 17, daytime; exact time to be announced. Renée will contact the event director. Three board members are available; Call for dancers after exact time is determined.

MEDAH materials - the MEDAH banner, the utensils, and the decorative fabric were all given to Helena at the meeting.

Tee shirts - deferred to a later meeting. New board members should see the designs posted on the Facebook page (scroll down). Helena to have the designs moved up on the Facebook page. We may wish to decide in order to have them for an April event.

Calendar - Tammy was asked about making a calendar using the flyers she made for past MEDAH events. She said no because not all the artwork was public domain. More discussion deferred to another meeting.

Shimmy Mob - May 14, 2016; MEDAH has been officially registered as the Leader, transferred from Helena who was the official Leader in 2015. More discussion deferred to the next meeting.

New Business:

Guest dancer - The Board discussed bringing a guest dancer for workshops and a show. Renée mentioned that Alia of Melbourne, Australia, friend of MEDAH, will be in Waikiki March 25-29. She will not need airfare or lodging. She could perhaps do a show at Kan Zaman or other venue. This would be very inexpensive and little work for MEDAH.

April - The Board discussed having a catered fundraiser/ show/hafla, perhaps on April 29 to celebrate International Dance Day (named in the Global Dance Directory & CID website). This would be helpful and encouraging for beginners. Venues discussed were Aloha Dancesport and Mark's Garage.

Venues - The board discussed sponsoring a guest dancer in March and a catered fundraiser in April. Miko will contact Mark's Garage for both events. Ward's Rafters was deemed too small for a catered event. Mindfulness Matter in Kailua

was also suggested. Renée brought up the MEDAH Handbook that includes a list of venues.

MEDAH Handbook to Board members - Renée is to send the Handbook, created in 2014, to the Board members. Note that the list of venues should be updated (Fresh Café has closed and should be removed). The Handbook was mentioned while discussing venues for events.

MEDAH Choreography - Helena offered to donate a choreographed piece for MEDAH members to use. She could provide a link to the music for purchase. A video could be posted as well. The Board was approving of the idea. More discussion is needed.

Request for dancer and costume - a client contacted Miko was contacted by a client about having a costume made. Nelli discussed the cost and time for making a costume. Bhuz.com was mentioned as a source for finding costumes. Miko will get back to the client.

Advertising websites - The Board discussed whether MEDAH should post on the website and Facebook pages such Belly Dance websites like Bhuz.com and a website recently sent to Renee for online belly dance classes. The Board decided we should not advertise other websites, but we should ask Tammy.

Absence - Miko will be away from July 7 to July 17, very likely missing the Foster Gardens Gleam (date not yet announced) this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. The next meeting will be at the above location, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH Secretary