

Minutes of Meeting
April 7, 2012

MEDAH Board Meeting – Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Ward’s Rafters, 3810 Maunaloa Ave. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m., by President Natalie Phoenix.

In Attendance – President Natalie Phoenix, Vice President Kari Meyer, Secretary Renée Arnold, Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler, Members-at-Large Mandy Jansen and Dee Dee Valencia.

Minutes - Minutes of the March 3, 2012, meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer’s Report – The report was given by Treasurer Dorothy Wheeler. The current balance is \$3,193.57. Dorothy gave the board members a hard copy of the analysis of expenses and revenue from the Naga Sita workshops and show (see attachment). \$36 from ticket sales was brought to the meeting by Member-at-Large Mandy Jansen. Naga Sita received a total fee of \$303.70. Discussion of the report is deferred to the next meeting after board members have studied it. Souren’s agreement was \$50 for the show; \$150 for the workshop + 30% of door (\$183 total revenue from the workshop - \$150 = \$33; he received \$9.90 from door, 30% of \$33). This was not in the March minutes and should have been. In the future, Dorothy wants artists to sign a contract ahead of time. Tammy will be reimbursed for printing and other office expenses after she submits an invoice to Dorothy.

Old Business:

Naga Sita Show at Venue – This was the best event that MEDAH has ever had, at least in the memory of the board members, and of many who attended. Dee Dee was fantastic as the M.C. Improvements could be made in the following areas: parking should be better for such an event; the flier should have had the complete address, date (including the year), and contact information; the dancer lineup was problematic due to last minute additions; there needs to be a clear call for dancers and a clear deadline; we forgot to get lei for Souren and Naga Sita. Many of these issues were the result of the late decision to sponsor the event, website problems, and the subsequent rush to accomplish it. Despite this, President Natalie Phoenix did an incredible job herself and in delegating tasks to the board members.

Naga Sita and Souren Workshops - There should be a clear contract between MEDAH and the artists and details should be in the minutes. Naga Sita wanted to be paid in cash, but this is not possible in a non-profit organization. Artists must be told in advance that pay will be by check. The Ong King venue was difficult to find and the address is not clearly marked. Souren’s workshop agreement was not clear. Dorothy needs to know all the details before the event. What was actually presented in the workshop was more relevant to drummers than to dancers and it was too long at 4 hours. Three days of Naga Sita workshops were too many, and the third one was not relevant to enough dancers. In the past we have had two days

of workshops for visiting dancers. However, low participation was certainly a result of having little time to advertise.

KCC International Festival – MEDAH’s participation was a big success and Secretary Renée Arnold, who was the M.C., received many compliments about the descriptions of the performances and about the dancers, including some from Egyptians in the audience. Participating dancers were Renée Arnold, Masayo Loyd, Shadiya (Margery Doescher), Tammy Yee-Custodio, Tani Sebro and Katie Shiroma, featuring Egyptian Cabaret, Cane, and Tribal Fusion. There were 3 solos and 2 duets. The KCC event coordinator contacted Dorothy to confirm that the stipend of \$200 is forthcoming.

New Business:

Eventbrite - It was suggested that we use Eventbrite for all types of payments, including events and membership. We do not lose any money in the way that we do through PayPal. Eventbrite charges the customer while PayPal charges MEDAH. However, it may not be possible for membership payments, which are ongoing payments. More discussion and investigation is required.

April event – The Board decided not to have an event in April. The fundraiser, which is usually in April, was pushed back due to the ending of dance performances at Pyramids Restaurant, forcing the Board to search for another venue.

May event – No event was planned in May because Ansuya was coming. She has since canceled, but MEDAH member Kalae Kaina is having a fundraiser in May. MEDAH will not schedule a conflicting event, as we are supportive of the dance community.

Sewing Bee - this was tentatively scheduled for April or May, but has been pushed back. It was suggested to include Cherry Blossom participants and to have pupus and perhaps charge a small fee of \$2. Further discussion is needed, and the Board may poll members to see if there is an interest in such an event.

Student Recital – June 30, at ArtZone, 6:30 – 10:30; doors open at 7; show 7:30 – 9:30; have teachers and students perform; solos up to 7 mins., groups up to 12 mins.; Contact medah808@gmail.com by June 16; send music and bio to same email address by June 23; Kari to do the lineup list; Natalie to do the music on the computer; Tammy to do the flier; Lita to send an eblast asking for dancers. The Board will do the cleanup. We will not use all three bathrooms, which will help with the cleanup. There will be more discussion about whether or not to charge entrance fees, to provide pupus or have people bring food for free entrance. More discussion may occur over email before the next meeting.

Advertising – The Board discussed advertising fees for eblasts and website posts. A motion passed to charge members \$20 for an eblast and \$5 for website posting, or

\$25 for both; for nonmembers the charge is \$45 for both. Natalie will ask Tammy to change it on the website.

Email Address – the new MEDAH email address is medah808@gmail.com. However, the old address editor@medah.org is still on the website. Natalie will ask Tammy if she is able to check the messages in the old address. Tammy needs to remove the old address from the website if it is no longer accessible.

Zagoreet (Z) – The Board voted to end the Z if the Bylaws allow it. The website will serve as the means of communicating the MEDAH news to the members. The Board will read the Bylaws to determine if this can be done and whether the membership must vote on it. If we do end the Z, Tammy must remove it from the signup sheet on the website, or change the wording to reflect the way in which the Z will be replaced.

Bellydance Magazine of Japan story on Hawaii Dancers - Naho Baba (Barbara), editor and photographer of this magazine, came to the meeting and interviewed board members about the current Hawaii belly dance community, MEDAH and the history of both. She wants to feature our dance community in the magazine. She took a photograph of the Board. Some board members exchanged business cards for further discussion, because she was leaving Hawaii right away.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 12, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at Ward's Rafters.

Respectfully submitted by

Renée Arnold
MEDAH secretary

(attached – Detailed Treasurer's Report)

MEDAH – EVENTS: 4 WORKSHOPS & 1 SHOW –
3-23; 3-24; 3-25; 3-31-12

Balance as of 2-15-12 \$1,919.22

EXPENSES – Events Only

INCOME – Events Only

Naga Sita Airfare	\$737.00	PayPal Net	\$441.99
Manoa Dance Studio – Rental	100.00	42 Tickets @ \$12	
504.00			
Printing Costs	212.43	25 Tickets @ \$17	425.00
Alive Ballet Center – Rental	75.00	4 Workshops	445.00
*Naga Sita	303.70		
Band @ The Venue	300.00		
The Venue – Technician	75.00		
*The Venue – Rental (+\$300/- \$300)	0.00		
Stamp & Stamp Pad	8.36		
*Souren Baronian	159.90		
PayPal Charges	13.01		

TOTAL:
\$1,815.99
(EXPENSES)

\$1,984.40

TOTAL:

(INCOME)

NET PROCEEDS: Income – Expenses: (-\$168.41)

Membership Income + Donation: \$418.34

TOTAL INCOME (Event + Membership + Donation) - EXPENSES:
\$249.93

ADJUSTED NET PROCEEDS for EVENTS:

\$249.93

***NOTE:**

Naga Sita Workshops + Show: 30% x 3 Workshops + \$100.00 Performance:
 3-23-12 Workshop @ 30% = \$113.70; 3-24-12 Workshop @ 30% = \$40.20; 3-25-12 Workshop @ 30% = \$49.80; Show \$100.00.

The Venue Bar made \$784.00 which gave MEDAH back its Deposit of \$300.00 per The Venue's contract with MEDAH calling for at least \$700.00 in Bar Sales to refund our Deposit.

Souren Baronian's Workshop 3-31-12: 3 x \$35 = \$105; 1 x \$33 = \$33; 1 x \$45 = \$45
TOTAL: \$183 - \$150 = \$33 Per Agreement with Souren: \$150 + 30% x \$33 = \$9.90 + Fixed \$150 = \$159.90