



Middle Eastern Culture and Dance Association

**MECDA Central Board Elected Officers  
for 2007/2008 Ballot**

**PRESIDENT:**

- VICKY SCHELL
- JANET THOMAS
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**Secretary:**

- AVIANNA HEMM
- ROSEMARY HUMBERT
- TERRY POOCHIGIAN
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**Vice President:**

- MARTA SCHILL KOUZOUYAN
- HARRY SAROYAN
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**Treasurer:**

- DOYNE ALLEN
- ARNIE LARNER
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Please place a check by one choice for each position. Space has been provided for write in candidates. All ballots must be returned, sealed in the pre-addressed envelope provided to be considered valid. Ballots must be received by MECDA by May 30, 2007. They will be counted at the MECDA Central Board Meeting on June 3, 2007.

**Please do NOT enclose any other items with the ballots.**

**VICKY SCHELL**

If elected I hope to lead the board in 1) creating a budget, which will put MECDA's funds to the best use for all members, 2) creating an operations manual and schedule, 3) overhaul of the DANCE PARTY policies to function on a national level. Past offices: Chapter President & VPres, CentBd V Pres, CB Treasurer, WebMaster, Admissions-Volunteers- Raffle-Bag Booth for the Carnivale. Currently: Happenings Editor, Membership Officer.

**JANET THOMAS**

"I am honored to be nominated again for the position of President. During my first year, as promised, I made vital expense cuts to our budget. I will provide MECDA with strong administrative support, while continuing in this positive direction. My goal is to build better communications and support between Central Board, Chapters and our Membership and create an enthusiastic team. For many years I remained behind the scenes while involved with MECDA, receiving many awards of recognition and thanks from MECDA. I welcome another year of this challenging and responsible position, while providing new opportunities for growth and success."

**MARTA SCHILL KOUZOUYAN**

"The exciting growth in MECDA's Chapter community is the single most important responsibility of the Vice President. I am creating a chat room for all Chapter Officers - a place for information on events, fund-raising guides, FAQ sharing and positive communication. My experience includes the co-creation of MECDA, as well as dedicated service as President: I therefore have a clear insight into what is expected and necessary to create an even brighter future for MECDA members."

**HARRY SAROYAN**

I have been in the Belly Dance business for 40 years as a manufacturer, producer, promoter and sponsor of Belly Dance activities and a supporter of MECDA since its formation. As president of Saroyan Mfg. Co., with a degree in business administration and metallurgy, I feel qualified to serve you as Vice President on the Central Board. If elected, I will dedicate myself to fulfill the duties of Vice President and make sure that the membership is informed of all details and activities of the Central Board.

**DOYNE ALLEN**

I have been in business for over 40 years, either as an owner or a manager. Every endeavor had been successful. At the present time I own and manage a costume business (Doyme's Place) a non-profit organization. I would bring this knowledge and expertise to the position of treasurer. I am one of the original members of MECDA and want to see it succeed.

**ARNIE LARNER**

Long time MECDA member Arnie Lerner has served on the Central Board in the past, both for Membership and four years (1997-2001) as Treasurer. He is well familiar with the complexities of the office, including the Quicken program used by MECDA for bookkeeping, and is currently Beach Cities Chapter Treasurer. If elected, he will keep MECDA's finances in order so the organization can run smoothly. He will submit a profit/loss statement to be published in the monthly Happenings providing valuable information to members. Arnie can often be seen behind the video camera, recording performances of members, and has received many MECDA awards of recognition.

**AVIANNA HEMM**

"The job of secretary is to attend meetings and record anything that was discussed and any changes made by board members. As secretary I would make it my job to inform the Mecda members of any important issues or changes by putting the information in the Happenings after each meeting."

**ROSEMARY HUMBERT**

During my third term as secretary, I will make certain that the Central Board meeting minutes are published in the monthly Happenings. In the last two years I have faithfully attended and recorded each meeting accurately. In spite of the slanderous remarks that have been circulating, I believe that MECDA is a viable and valuable organization, working towards the positive promotion of all performers. I am eagerly looking forward to my continuing service to this fine organization.

**TERRY POOCHIGIAN (aka Sabrina)**

my qualification for Secretary : I have been with MECDA from day one when it was first started in seventies, and have always volunteered for all of MECDA's Activities through all these years never have missed until Cairo Carnival was moved to Glendale. I have held position of VICE PRESIDENT 1987<sup>2</sup> and during all that time have always looked to better our organizations and even when I wasn't I have put a lot of effort in this to try and make it blossom for all our members. If I'm elected for this position of Secretary I will do the best of my ability to keep up that position in good standing and promote our organization in the up coming months with Integrity .....

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