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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 22 January 2009.

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 1/17/09

Members of the American Maritime Modernization Association met at Q.E.D. Systems, N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1:00 PM on Thursday 22 January 2009.

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Diane Ostby, CDI Marine; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Tom Barbour, Jo-Kell; Ron Verostek, PGV Corp; Jim Taylor, Epsilon (on phone); Nick Clark, George Sharp; Tom Kiernan, Maersk Line Ltd; Sondra Mayfield, Advex Corp. (on phone); Steve Cherry, WR Systems; Christ Fontaine, SCI; Scotty Britton, LPI; Kevin Golden, Dataline; Bill Compton, Consultant (on phone); Charlie Ellin, AMSEC; Carl Spraberry, Ocean Tech; Jamie Whitham, Vanwin; Charles Littleton, LCE; Don Zimbardo, VT Milcom; DeWitt Davis, Marine Consultant; Frank Kleen, Allied Technology Group; Jan Lewis, Tecnico; Brian Minard, SCI; Al Malubag, VSE; Jim Simons, LCE; George Hill, Advex (on phone); John Davidson, EG&G

Guests in attendance: None

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso, Q.E.D. Systems. Mr. Yurso welcomed all in attendance and requested everyone initial the membership roster and sign in. No meeting was held in December. Joe asked if the assembly wanted to continue to use the Microsoft Outlook scheduling for receiving minutes. The consensus is yes.

Old Business:

A. Review and approval of the minutes: A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the General Monthly Meeting held on 20 November 2008 be accepted and approved. The motion was approved.

B. Treasurer Report: The Treasurer, Nick Clark, provided the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2008. The ending balance is \$74,850.29. Volunteers to audit the financial records for 2008???

C. Membership Status Report: 47 companies are members of AMMA as of January 2009. Please volunteer to help Charlie Littleton with the membership committee.

D. Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>): Please review the website regularly. Please post the bylaws on the website.

E. Quality Assurance Committee: Please send a representative to the QA meetings. The weld audit schedule is posted. Pete is helping with the weld audits. Four out of seven multi-pin audits have been completed. Standard items for FY-10 can be found on the SUPSHIP website. NSTM 9090-310E draft is out on the street.

F. Annual Dues: Invoices have been mailed out for 2009.

G. Safety/Training Committee: No minutes. Did they meet?

H. Nominating Committee: Ron Verostek with PGV Corp has volunteered to head the nominating committee. He is going to re-enlist current Board members. Any other people interested in running for a position on the Board should give their name to Ron. Nick Clark volunteered to help Ron.

I. Annual Luncheon Committee: Tom Barbour with JoKell has volunteered to help organize the luncheon. Congressman Randy Forbes is the speaker. Planning to have the luncheon February 27.

J. AMMA Booths for 2009: The exhibit in January in Crystal City, VA was discussed by the people that attended and it was decided that the show was worthwhile to continue attending. AMMA will sign up to attend the ASNE Intelligent Ship Symposium in May.

New Business:

A. Topics for Discussion:

1. There is a new OSHA standard out that is changing the confined space rules. The competent person needs to check all the valves to ensure nothing is coming into the space.
2. Northrup Grumman Newport News Shipyard is using a new security system called Quest System.
3. Bill Compton reviewed a SCA report that was released about a year ago. He sent AMMA a letter with his thoughts in November 2008. Bill reviewed his report over the telephone. Most of the issues in the report deal with welding. There is a quote in the SCA report that is detrimental to AMMA. Many of the complaints on welding in the report came about because the MSRs make the AITs use the MSR's welders while in the shipyard. Recommendations agreed upon by members present are to report on informal and formal non-conformances using no names.
4. The 2009 budget proposal was voted upon and approved.

5. The next JINNI meeting is February 12 in the Tidewater area.
6. Joe Yurso and Carl Spraberry are trying to schedule a meeting with the ASN. There has been some flack. AMMA companies need to stay united.

B. Next Regular Meeting: The next general meeting is scheduled for 27 February at the Marriott in Chesapeake at 11:15AM for lunch.

C. Adjourn:

Copy to all members