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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 23 April 2009.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)  
- Membership Roster, dated 3/23/09

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 23 April 2009.

**Members in attendance:** Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Diane Ostby, CDI Marine; Nick Clark, George Sharp; Steve Cherry, WR Systems; Carl Spraberry, Ocean Tech; DeWitt Davis, Marine Consultant; Jolean Halford, George Sharp; Larry Patterson, Chugach; Don Zimbardo, VT Milcom; Scotty Britton, LPI; Jim Simons, LCE; Jack Bruckner, EMS ICE Inc.; George Hill, Advex; Jim Taylor, Epsilon (by telephone)

**Guests in attendance:** Barbara Murray, TCC, 757-334-1106

**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.

**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 26 March 2009 be accepted and approved. The motion was approved.

**B. Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, provided the Treasurer's Reports for March 2009. The ending balance is \$75,287.01.

**C. Membership Status Report:** 45 companies are members of AMMA as of April 2009. Please volunteer to help Charlie Littleton with the membership committee.

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

**E. Quality Assurance Committee:** Please send a representative to the QA meetings. The next QA meeting is May 14. In June we want to meet in Philadelphia at the NAVSSES Industry Day on June 11.

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

**G. Safety/Training Committee:** Jolean is back. March safety minutes were approved. The next meeting is May 18. We want to discuss arc flash in greater depth. We also want to set up a tracking system for AMMA members to track their injuries and illnesses for AMMA. What do all the companies think?

**H. AMMA Booths for 2009:** AMMA will sign up to attend the ASNE Intelligent Ship Symposium in May. We need volunteers to man the booth and to take the booth May 20 and 21. There are discussions on attending the ASNE Fleet Symposium in San Diego in September. It has been moved to September 29 through Oct. 1. JINII meeting moved also.

**New Business:**

**A. Topics for Discussion:**

1. There is a JINII planning meeting all day on June 11 for both Navy and Industry.
2. Carl Spraberry and Joe Yurso attended the safety meeting called by the Navy earlier this month.
3. VSRA trying to standardize their safety program in Norfolk.
4. There was a meeting between Carl Spraberry, Joe Yurso, Sean Stackley, Dave Lewis, Alison Stiller, and Dan Gillato. It was their intention to have the MSMO accomplish all welding and cutting on the hull, not give all work to the MSMO. The Navy memo that was published March 27, 2009 was discussed. How will people interpret the memo? The memo's intention will be monitored, but not changed. Jim Taylor suggested that Carl and Joe write notes from the meeting and send to Dave Lewis for his take. It was mentioned that AITs need a portfolio of prime contracts to exist. It was asked who is the enforcer of the MSMO member? AMMA members please probe into who can work on a ship when not in a shipyard.
5. Barbara Murray with TCC is working with community on workforce development through apprenticeship programs. There is a Maritime Task Force that meets monthly. Please come and participate.

**B. Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting is scheduled for 25 June at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1PM.

**C. Adjourn:**

Copy to all members