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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 24 September 2009.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)  
- Membership Roster, dated 9/24/09

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 24 September 2009.

**Members in attendance:** Joe Yurso, QED Systems; John Ensey, DDL Omni; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Sondra Mayfield, Advex Corp.; Robert Caldwell, Romulus; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Larry Baun, Delphinus; Ron Versotek, Phoenix; Tom Barbour, Jo-Kell Inc.; Shawn White, Dataline LLC; Jim Simons, Life Cylce Engineering, Inc.; Bill Compton (phone)

**Guests in attendance:** William (Trey) Dudley, Northwestern Mutual; Jim Sunderland, Integrated Benefit Concepts

**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 two guests. Mr. Yurso had everyone go around the room and introduce themselves. Mr. Yurso encouraged all members to invite other companies to join AMMA. Joe has already invited Rick Williams, Auxiliary Systems; and Dresser Rand.

**Old Business:**

**A. Review and approval of the minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to discuss corrections that needed to be made to the minutes from the General Monthly Meeting held on 27 August 2009.

1. Under New Business, para 4 should state "J Pass"
2. Delphinus is spelled incorrectly under Members in Attendance  
The motion was made and seconded to accept the revised minutes as discussed.  
The motion was approved.

**B. Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, provided the Treasurer's Reports for August 2009 via Mr. Joe Yurso. The ending balance is \$71,095.77. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was approved.

**C. Membership Status Report:** There is still no membership chairman for this position. Still looking for another volunteer. Currently there are 45 companies who are members of AMMA as of September 2009. Mr. Yurso again encouraged everyone to invite others to become members.

**D. Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** John Ensey requested clarification on what part of website, if any, needs password protection. Updated information for Carl Spraberry was requested. Discussions were held to remove the McManamon Bio at this time but to leave the Hot Wash Briefs as there will be another one scheduled in October 2009. The ASN Policy Memo dated 3-

27-09 has also been placed on the Bulletin Board. Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to please review the website regularly.

**E. Quality Assurance Committee:** Dave could not be here but was supposed to have sent a Representative.

**F. Safety/Training Committee:** A meeting was held on September 21 @ 1:00 at VSE to share "Lessons Learned" New Business was Manning of Safety Programs to determine element impacts, verify work loads and target most involved. To identify the root cause and reduce reoccurrences of Occupational injuries and illnesses. The next meeting will be on Safety & Health Corporate Culture – promote business within. Minutes from the last meeting will be forthcoming. The meeting time has also changed to 1:30 p.m. and will be held at VSE in Chesapeake for the next couple of meetings.

**G. AMMA Booths for 2009:** AMMA will attend the ASNE Fleet Symposium (FMMS) in San Diego next week. Serco will ship, put up, take down and return the booth. They will also assist, along with Jo-Kell and QED, in manning the booth. A watch list was provided by Bob Blenner. Start looking at Schedule for next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Topics for Discussion:** Joe Yurso discussed items:

1. Discussed the meeting that was held in Washington about AIT's last week. Part of the discussion included coming out with a new 009-11, additional requirements for 009-60 and bringing back in 009-42
2. Meeting was also held with MARMC last week at the same time – discussions were how to better support Shipyards and AIT's. There were 13 items discussed and supposed to be incorporated in during the EI Rod.
3. MSMO Super Hot wash being held in Hampton on Oct 27-29
4. Joe is still a part of the NMPT and they have stated there is a Steep Dive in the number of Alterations being accomplished in a specific time frame. Based on work packages that did not get accomplished, whose they were, etc.
5. Carl and Joe – AMMA's position and discussions have been we need prime contracts. Matrix show in state of decline and alterations are not getting done. Need to make the Navy aware there is a cost effective alternative to the MSMO. Carl urged everyone talk to their customers and let them know AIT's are a cost effect alternative. The shortage of money to accomplish the needed alterations – being cut due to being too costly.
6. Joe wants to develop objectives and goals for next year for membership.
7. Joe wants feedback on the Policy Memo concerning the impact.
8. Encourage all members to make the presence of AMMA known by putting an AMMA logo on their booths.
9. Discussion with Guests: Service Disabled Veterans Association – Provide a large group benefits package that can be used for small business. Request some feedback as what a small business would like to see. Also, would like to contact AMMA members to see what benefits or needs might be of at least 10 companies.

**B. Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting is scheduled for 22 October at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

**C. Adjourn:** 2:00 p.m.  
Copy to all members