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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 27 January 2011.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)  
- Membership Roster, dated 2/16/11

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 27 January 2011.

**Members in attendance:** Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Nick Clark, Dave Finke, L3 Unidyne; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Ron Verostek, Phoenix-Group; John McGrath, Gillmann Services; David Barclay, General Dynamics; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Jim Taylor (Phone)

**Guests in attendance:** Charles Beemus, BB & T

**Opening remarks:** At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso, Q.E.D. Systems. Joe welcomed all in attendance. Joe stated that Jim Taylor and Carl Spraberry would be representing AMMA at the JINNI meeting and if time allowed, Joe would make a presentation on local travel. Joe encouraged all members to invite other companies to join AMMA.

**Old Business:**

1. **Review and approval of the minutes:** The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was approved.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, provided the Treasurer's Reports for December 2010. The ending balance is \$79,240.17. All bills have been paid to date. Nick stated that the proposed budget was distributed for the 2011 year and that the books would be reviewed in March by an independent company. Jim Taylor raised a question about the amount of money that is in reserve. Possible things we may want to consider are scholarships, guest speakers, etc. Joe mentioned that we may want to invite some guest speakers and possibly hold the meeting at AMSEC as they have a larger conference room to possibly increase attendance. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The motion was approved.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** Membership Chair, John McGrath, reported on his committee. Bob stated he had invited a couple companies at the request of Joe Yurso. Mr. Yurso requests everyone to continue to solicit companies to join and that information can be obtained on the website. Currently AMMA has 49 companies.
- C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** Website Chair, John Ensey. Mr. Ensey was unable to attend the meeting and Joe encouraged everyone to review the website and make suggestions on any additions that may be beneficial.

- D. Quality Assurance Committee:** QA Chairman, David Finke was available to report on the QA committee meeting. David stated the meeting was held on Wednesday to see if the change in day of the week would increase attendance. He stated that it helped some. Commitments have been made to do audits. It appears that Graduated QA will not be done and seems to be going in the opposite direction. NSSA will be changing their name to NSSA Regional Maintenance Center and will soon be independent of the Shipyard. Also discussed problems with 009-24 tagout and blanking and 009-23 interferences – there is still some misunderstanding to get straight and encouraged everyone to go back to their appropriate personnel and take a look at this. Still looking for possible speakers and asked everyone to think of someone that they may want to have come to the meeting and speak. Mike Aldridge, head of QA for NSSA is currently competing for his position. If he get the position they are looking to grow the QA department. Joe stated there was a question in coating on nuclear subs and ships and this was clarified through email but need authority, once Joe has this information he will share with everyone. Suggestion was made that once position is filled, and if by Aldridge, that a question be submitted concerning the VSRA letter and agreement that is supposedly in place.
- E. Safety/Training Committee:** Safety Chairman, Michael Cosca was unavailable to report. Joe stated he was meeting with the Safety Committee on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Joe encouraged everyone to support attendance.
- F. AMMA Booths for 2010:** Bob Blenner, Delphinus was available to report on upcoming events. Bob brought an upcoming event to be held at Old Dominion that AMMA attended in 2009. Discussion of this event resulted in Nick to draft a letter that AMMA would donate 500.00 for the right to advertise AMMA but would not physically attend. Event (B) Nick will contact Megan or Maggie concerning ASNE Day 2011 about a 500.00 sponsorship but no physical participation. Event (C) Last time there was 3 years ago – Jim was currently attending this event on the West Coast and stated it was much larger than the one held on the East Coast – this event was tabled for discussion at a later date. Event (D) AMMA is currently registered for this event. Event (E) AMMA will wait and see if this is an event to be attended at a later time. Event (F) This event was cancelled last year. Event (G) AMMA does want to attend this event and Bob will go ahead and register.

2011 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Theme	Exhibit Pri	Notes
A	Jan 11-13 2011	Surface Navy Association	23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	Surface Warfare: Relevant Capabilities For a Challenging Future		Exhibited In 2009
B	Feb 10-11 2011	ASNE	ASNE Day 2011	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	Thinking Outside the Hill		Did not exhibit
C	May 10-12 2011	AFCEA & Naval Institute	Joint Warfighting Conference and Exposition	Virginia Beach Convention Ctr Virginia Bach, VA	How Do We Leverage Successes of Joint & Coalition Warfare?	TBD	Did not exhibit

D	May 25-26 2011	ASNE & NSWCCD-SSES	Intelligent Ship Symposium	Drexel University Philadelphia, PA		Reg Space @ \$1400.00 Plus Incidentals	Exhibited in 2009 <b>Registered</b>
E	June 6-9 2011	ASNE	Mega Rust 2011: U.S. Navy Corrosion Conference	Old Dominion University		TBD	Did not exhibit
F	June 14-16 2011	ASNE & NSWCCD – SSES	Multi Agency Craft Conference (MACC 2011)	Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek Fort Story		TBD	Did not exhibit
G	Aug 30-31 2011	ASNE	Fleet Maint & Modernization Symposium (FMMS)	Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA		Reg Space @ \$2150.00/ Shipping – \$800.00	JINNI Meeting Also

#### G. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

1. **Election of Board Members:** Soliciting for Board of Directors – distribution of ballots will be made in March – Joe encouraged everyone to participate.
2. **Graduated QA** – This will probably go away.
3. **Participation in Committees** – Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to participate in the various committees especially QA and Safety.
4. **Navy Management** – Break away is not official yet but that is where they are headed.
5. **Navy Standard Welding** – No additional information but discussed at NSSA QA meeting – this item has McCoy's support – suggest Jim Taylor bring this up at JINNI meeting.
6. **FAR Changes to Executive Order** – This is a law that companies want Congress to reconsider.
7. **RAPID Gate** – Still working at implementing.
8. **JINNI** – Carl and Ron will be the representatives.

#### H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Luncheon** – Joe will continue to try and reach Allison Stiller for early next year or Jim Murdock.

2. **Changes to Meeting Time** – Joe requests everyone to consider possible change to day or time AMMA meeting is held to possibly increase attendance.
  
- I. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting is scheduled for 24 February 2011 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.
  
- J. **Adjourn:** 2:15 p.m.  
Copy to all members