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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 24 February 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 24 February 2011.

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Ron Verostek, Phoenix-Group; John McGrath, Gillmann Services; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Michael Cosca, USI; Larry Patterson, Chugach; Robert Caldwell, Romulus; Jim Bauer, Jo-Kell; Diane Ostby, CDI Marine; Jennifer Whitham, Vanwin; DeWitt Davis, Marine Consultants; Jim Simons, LCE; John Ensey, DDL Omni; (Phone) Steve Cherry, WR System; Charlie Ellin, AMSEC

Guests in attendance: Alex Allaire, Jo-Kell

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso, Q.E.D. Systems. Joe welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made around the room of each member in attendance. 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, was unavailable. Joe stated that AMMA had invested in a 1 page ad that had been submitted and accepted. Invoices have been submitted and Joe encouraged everyone to get with the appropriate person at their company to have their due paid.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** Membership Chair, John McGrath, reported on his committee. John has acquired the membership roster of the disbanded American Shipbuilding Association (ASA) and requested if anyone knows of someone on the roster that they would like to invite to join AMMA to please contact him. Joe. 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. John will place the VIP meeting on the website. 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 unavailable to report on the QA committee meeting.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Safety Chairman, Michael Cosca was available to report. Mike stated that the committee revisited the charter and what this committee is about. They have created an Advisory Board to develop content and direction for the meetings. They will be sending out a survey to all members for their input as to what they would like to see on the agenda for upcoming meetings. They have also put together a training schedule: Confined Space will be on the agenda for March. Topics have been set up through June. There were approximately 20 people in attendance for the last meeting. Joe encouraged everyone to support attendance.

F. AMMA Booths for 2010: Bob Blenner, Delphinus was unavailable to report on upcoming events. Joe stated AMMA was signed up for the ASNE event in May (D). ASNE will be coordinating the (E) and (F) events. AMMA is also registered for the FMMS (G)

2011 Events

| Item | Date | Sponsor | Event | Location | Theme | Exhibit Pri | Notes |
|------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|
| A | Jan 11-13 2011 | Surface Navy Association | 23 rd 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 Beach, 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 Registered |
| 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 Registered |

G. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

1. **Nominating Committee** – Ron Verostek has the election ballots. 10 Board of Director members will be re-running. Once the ballot has been finalized, hope to have an election next month. Joe welcomed any additional nominations and emphasized that there must be a quorum to have approval.
2. **JINNI Planning Session in Arlington** – Carl reported on the JINNI meeting that he attended. Stated the funding issues were discussed and the shortfalls in maintenance. Some availabilities have already started to be cancelled. Discussed Rapidgate – the Navy does want this – discussed the inefficiencies of the system being experienced on the West Coast. This will be in effect for the East Coast by the end of the year. Briefed on the top 10 issues (11 for the Navy) – Welding procedures – asked that all Government agencies accept if accepted by one and discussions leaned towards standardized welding procedures being acceptable.
3. **Local Travel Clause** - Joe did a presentation on local travel that may be accepted. Anyone wanting a copy of this presentation can obtain it from Joe. Joe stated that the main issue was that it gave AMMA visibility.
4. **Participation in Committees** – Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to participate in the various committees.
5. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** - Joe has done nothing further on the Annual luncheon but has received confirmation on two dates for a VIP meeting to be held on April 21st at AMSEC from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with RADML Murdoch and RADM (Sel) Gale. Joe will be sending out additional information on the meeting.
6. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– Joe stated that the concern is that if something goes wrong they want to be able to go to the accepting activity of the procedure. Cat I are automatically invoked and do not have to list them like regular standards.
7. **FAR Changes to Executive Order** – Joe will be working on a final draft for AMMA to submit. Joe encouraged everyone to get addresses of out of state offices that they may have so that the letter can be sent utilizing those addresses so they go to different Congressman.
8. **RAPID Gate** – This will be in effect by the end of the year on the East Coast as mentioned in the JINNI report by Carl. Joe stated that if it is mandatory to the contract it will be a reimbursable expense.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **AMMA Dues** – Joe stated there has been a fairly good response to invoices being paid.

- I. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting is scheduled for 24 March 2011 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

- J. **Adjourn:** 1:50 p.m.
Copy to all members