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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 28 April 2011.

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 4/14/11

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 28 April 2011.

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Ron Verostek, Phoenix-Group; John McGrath, Gillmann Services; Carl Spraberry, AIT; David Finke, L-3 Unidyne; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Scotty Britton, LPI; Nick Clark, George Sharp; Lou Hilger, WR Systems; Mark Labaire, WR Systems; Calvin Godwin, AMEE Bay; Larry Patterson, Chugach; Max Bradshaw, LCE; Jim Taylor (phone), Epsilon

Guests in attendance: Todd Kling, Aerotek; Ryan Fedell, Aerotek

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 minutes were reviewed and the motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was approved.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, reported a balance of \$84,584.68. At this time all bills are paid and up to date. Nick reported there were still 17 companies with unpaid dues. Joe urged everyone to get with the appropriate personnel at their company to make sure their dues are paid.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** Membership Chair, John McGrath, reported on his committee. John handed out AMMA business cards for everyone to pass out to companies to attend the next meeting. Anyone who brings a guest to the next meeting will be treated to lunch. Guests must bring card. 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 was unavailable to report on the website. Joe urged everyone to look at the website, use the website and provide any feedback.
- D. **Quality Assurance Committee:** QA Chairman, David Finke reported the committee is working on a new audit plan. Audits will start back up as soon as

the plan is finalized. At the last meeting they discussed the San Antonio event with NSSA and the documentation issues. They are still looking for speakers for upcoming meetings. They have expanded the audits beyond welding. Joe stated he feels this is a good plan as there has been some turmoil lately. Anything we can do to ensure we are all doing our part is the goal. Joe emailed the presentation that was presented on the West Coast.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Safety Chairman, Michael Cosca was unavailable to report. Joe will make sure the minutes of the last Safety meeting are distributed and has been encouraged by the increased attendance to the committee meetings.

F. AMMA Booths for 2010: Bob Blenner, Delphinus was available to report on upcoming events. AMMA has decided not to exhibit at Items C & F. Item E will be discussed further at the next meeting – Bob will check to see if there are any other companies that will be exhibiting at this event and possibly give them an AMMA logo to display at their booth. Bob presented the watch list for Item D. Bob will help with the set up and take down. Need to have the booth reasonably manned and request everyone try and help out. Bob stated we have plenty of handouts for this event.

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 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 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

Joe first opened the floor for any discussion –

1. **Nominating Committee** – Jim Taylor stated we need to schedule for officer nominations and voting. Suggested this be done by email if it unable to coordinate a time. Seven (7) board members were in attendance. Jim stated he preferred sending an email for input and allow everyone time to think about nominations. Jim will send an email to the board members and request input in a week.
2. **Local Travel Clause** - Joe stated this is on the Agenda for the next JINNI meeting to be held during Event G.
3. **Participation in Committees** – Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to participate in the various committees and was pleased to see the Safety Committee attendance increase.
4. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** - No discussion on the Annual Luncheon at this time. Joe reported on the VIP meeting held with RADML Murdoch and RADM (Sel) Gale went very well. The Q & A portion was very well done and there were some tough questions. Both speakers were very open. The meeting lasted for about 1 ½ hours. There was however, disappointment with the number in attendance.
5. **Navy Management changes for information** – Joe stated they are trying to tackle issues with Standardization in field activities – this appears to be RADM (Sel) Gale's top issue.
6. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– Joe stated that this is still being worked on.
7. **FAR Changes to Executive Order** – Joe stated a letter has been written to Congress members by Repair Associations but because this is already a law there is doubt there will be much movement on this issue.
8. **RAPID Gate** – This will be in effect by the end of the year on the East Coast.
9. **Joint Dinner Meeting** – Joe stated that he will try and make arrangements to have another joint dinner meeting with ASNE.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **AMMA Dues** – Joe stated there has been a fairly good response to invoices being paid. However there are still 17 companies with outstanding dues and

encouraged anyone with unpaid due to contact the appropriate personnel at their company to have this taken care of.

- I. **Next Regular Meeting:** As the next general meeting falls during one of the days of the Symposium next month, it was discussed and decided that the next general meeting is scheduled for 19 May 2011 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

- J. **Adjourn:** 1:52 p.m.
Copy to all members