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

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 10/19/11

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 October 2011.

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Kyle Whipple, Epsilon; Diane Ostby, CDI; Ron Verostek, Phoenix-Group; Dan Miller, Jo-Kell; Keith Evans, LPI; Charlie Ellin, AMSEC; Dawn Blackmon, AMSEC; Call in: Mike Cosca, USI

Guests in attendance: None

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso, Q.E.D. Systems. Joe welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made around the room.

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, was unavailable but had supplied a report to the treasury balance of \$83,460.32. At this time all bills are paid and up to date.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** We currently have no Membership Chairman and Joe encouraged everyone to solicit new members. Joe urged other members to step up and take on the role of committee chairman.
- C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** Website Chair, John Ensey was unavailable to report. Joe stated he had sent in a few things for the website to be corrected. Joe also urged everyone to look at the website, use the website and provide any feedback.
- D. **Quality Assurance Committee:** At the moment this committee is dormant. Carl held a meeting on the 12th with about 18-19 members in attendance. The topic of discussion was what AMMA can do to rejuvenate. Joe stated a full Board meeting was held on the 26th and board members are working behind the scenes to revitalize this committee.
- E. **Safety/Training Committee:** Safety Chairman, Michael Cosca phoned in to report that the Safety Committee had held a meeting on the 17th with good

attendance. They discussed the OSHA/Maritime Certification. Discussions were held about possibly doing our own class as there will be a big rush to get personnel certified. If provisions are made to have a class before May they have to have enough members commit to make it viable for them to come down to hold a class and to have enough members to offset the cost. The next meeting will be held on November 14

F. AMMA Booths for 2010: Bob Blenner, Delphinus was unavailable to discuss any upcoming events. AMMA did have representation in San Diego as Ron Verostek was there manning the booth. He mentioned we needed more emblems for other member companies to display. He also suggested we look into getting other types of hand outs. Ron reported he was able to attend JINNI and felt it was more presentation but not by Industry and with no/limited dialog. Joe mentioned he had a copy of the minutes from the June meeting if anyone wanted a copy.

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. **Local Travel Clause** - Joe stated this is still at being reviewed however it has gone beyond the 45 days he would told. He will continue to pursue a response.
2. **Participation in Committees** – Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to continue to participate in the various committees. He stated that Carl will be calling a meeting soon.
3. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** – Joe coordinated with ASNE to have a joint dinner meeting. The speaker will be Vice Admiral McCoy. This will be held at the Springfield Suites. Joe is also working on getting Elliott Branch to speak at a joint meeting with TASK
4. **Navy Management changes for information** – Joe stated there are no further changes.
5. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– Joe stated there is no real progress with this.
6. **FAR Changes to Executive Order** – This is now a law and Joe does not anticipate any changes at this time. Joe mentioned that the trend and changes to the FAR are fast and furious and they now have built in provisions that you are guilty.
7. **RAPID Gate** – This will be in effect November 1, 2011. Joe stated this is proving to be very expensive and doesn't seem to accomplish much.
8. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** – Joe mentioned that rules are going to be tightened even more.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Nominations** - Joe mentioned that later this year or early next year we will have nominations. Joe stated he is looking for more activity in roles and expanding the Board.
2. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 1 December 2011 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

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