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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 23 February 2012.

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 3/13/12

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 23 February 2012.

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Jennifer Whitham, Vanwin Coatings; Fred Lowack, L-3 Unidyne; Scotty Britton, LPI; Charlie Ellin, AMSEC; Don Zimbardo, VT Group; Jack Kasiski, URS; Wally Finn, Epsilon; John Iannetta, L-3 Unidyne; Phone – Jim Taylor

Guests in attendance: Gina Brogan

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. Joe requested everyone to review the Roster and make any corrections.

Old Business:

1. **Review and approval of the minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed with correction to be made to 2012 events as they currently read "2011". The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion was approved.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, was unavailable. Copies of the treasury report were provided with a treasury balance as of \$90,061.31. At this time all bills are paid and up to date excluding the ASNE Day expenses.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** We currently have no Membership Chairman. Last month Joe asked everyone to take an AMMA flyer and market AMMA. If anyone did not receive one last month, Joe requests you take one before leaving. Joes stated AMMA does well with advertising at Symposiums but want the personal touch. At the ASNE Day event Joe stated there was a lot of traffic and a lot of information was passed out. 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 also urged everyone to look at the website and make sure that the most current information is posted. Joe stated there were a few issues that have since been resolved with the website and urged everyone to use the website and provide any feedback as this is our responsibility.

D. Quality Assurance Committee: Don Zimbro, Committee Chairman reported that Carl Spraberry had talked at the November meeting. Don reported that Curtiss Proffitt will Co-chair this committee. There were 11 companies represented at the February meeting with good open discussion. Discussed audit situation. What can AMMA offer to show strength of being an AMMA member? Audits. Want to resurrect the audits as they are value added. Checklists are still in place so not many changes will need to be done to move on with the audits. Decided that 9:00 a.m. would be a better meeting time back at QED on Inventors Lane. Change in meeting time and schedule has been posted on the website. Next meeting will be held on March 1, 2012. Action Items: 1. Welders qualification transfers. 2. Standardized PCP's. 3. Format for Lessons Learned. Joe commented that transferring of welders qualification is something companies have wanted to be able to do for some time. He also stated that he felt the other action items are a good idea. Joe thanked Don for taking over committee.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Cliff Motley, Delphinus was unavailable. Otto Hylton has agreed to co-chair this committee. Joe stated he had attended that last meeting as a guest. Meeting location has been changed from Delphinus and will now hold the meetings at QED on 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. – lunch will be provided. As the OSHA partnership meeting conflicts with this new time – Joe will make sure that Cliff and Otto are aware of this.

F. AMMA Booths for 2010: Bob Blenner, reported MACC has been postponed and there will not be an event for them this year. Need to review event D and decide if AMMA is going to do this one. For Event E, Mega Rust it was recommended that AMMA give member companies the AMMA placard to display. AMMA is already registered for Event F and have acquired a prime location. Joe thinks there will be a JINNI at this symposium. Jim mentioned that AMMA had the ideal spot at the recent symposium. Joe mentioned any member companies who are displaying at an event themselves but willing to help man the AMMA booth should be allowed to pass out their own "give aways". Jim said he thought that was a good idea.

2012 Events

| Item | Date | Sponsor | Event | Location | Theme | Exhibit Price | Notes |
|------|----------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|---------------|-----------|
| A | Jan 10-12 2012 | Surface Navy Association | 24 th National Symposium | Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA | A Credible source in Uncertain times | TBD | |
| B | Feb 9-10 2012 | ASNE | ASNE Day 2012 | Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA | Naval Warfare – Critical Engineering Challenges | Complimentary | Complete |
| C | May 8-10 2012 | ASNE | Multi Agency Craft Conference (MACC 2012) | JEB Ft Story – Little Creek | Schedule in doubt | TBD | Postponed |
| D | May 15-17 2012 | AFCEA & Naval Institute | Joint Warfighting Conference 2012 | Virginia Beach Convention Ctr Virginia Beach, VA | How do we leverage Successes of Joint & Coalition Warfare? | TBD | |

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| E | June 20-14 2012 | ASNE | Mega Rust 2012: US Navy Corrosion Conference | Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, CA | | Registration \$1,650 – 1950 ~ 500 for peripherals | |
| F | Sept 18-19 2012 | ASNE | Fleet Maintenance Symposium | Virginia Beach Convention Ctr Virginia Beach, VA | Achieving confidence In Fleet Readiness Through Innovation, Best Practices and Adherence to Engineered Standards | Reg Space @ \$2150.00 ~ 250.00 peripherals | Registered |

G. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

Joe first opened the floor for any discussion –

1. **Local Travel Clause** - Joe stated he has sent another email.
2. **Participation in Committees** – Mr. Yurso encouraged everyone to continue to participate in the various committees.
3. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** – Joe has asked Scott Rigell to possibly be a speaker at an AMMA luncheon. Once a date has been finalized he will forward more information.
4. **Navy Management changes for information** – Joe stated no additional changes that he is aware of at this time.
5. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– Joe stated there is nothing more to report.
6. **FAR Changes to Executive Order** – No changes.
7. **RAPID Gate** – This is now in effect – taking about 2 ½ months to get approvals for personnel.
8. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** – No discussion.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Nominations** – Joe asked that anyone interested in putting their name in for a position on the Board to contact himself or George Hill. Joe stated he is wanting to hold the elections late March or early April.
2. **AMMA Direction** – Joe stated that Jack Kasiski had brought up the topic of expanding AMMA membership to include IDIQ holders. The question is – How would we do this and who would you seek out? Contracts Governness Council is a possible tool. Jack stated the general consensus is that AMMA is an AIT Charter and feels the power of AMMA is lost because of pushing AIT's. He feels the perception is AMMA is wearing out the message

of only AIT holders can do the job. Jim Taylor stated now in audit mode. What is overall industry capacity to need? Focus on what AMMA can offer as value to the Navy. Where can AMMA make the difference? Charlie Ellin suggested a small group be put together to look at the IDIQ holder and how it would pertain to AMMA, as he doesn't feel this as a discussion moving forward. Charlie suggested that Jack Kasiski head up this group. Jack stated he would be willing to head up a small group and would establish a date and time to hold a meeting. He would suggest each member come with the top 3 issues the IDIQ holder is having as a starting point for discussion.

3. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 22 March 2012 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

- I. **Adjourn:** 2:30 p.m.
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