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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 28 June 2012.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)  
- Membership Roster, dated 6/21/12

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 28 June 2012.

**Members in attendance:** Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Fred Lowack, L-3 Unidyne; Keith Evans, LPI Tech; Lou Hilger, WR Systems; DeWitt Davis, Marine Consultants; Robert Caldwell, Romulus; Wally Finn, Epsilon; Diane Ostby, CDI; Lynn Hampton, AMSEC; Charlie Ellin, AMSEC; Phone in: Jim Taylor, Bob Blenner, Ron Verostek

**Guests in attendance:** None

**Opening remarks:** At 1:10 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 May meeting were reviewed. Diane Ostby requested clarification on the IDIQ portion. After discussion and clarification the minutes were accepted.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, was unable to attend but supplied report with a balance in the treasury of 87,478.92. Joe mentioned that AMMA had received several complimentary booths this year which has helped with the budget.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** No Membership Chairman at this time. Joe urged everyone to become an advocate. Joe mentioned we do have a couple new members and that other companies have been asked to join. Fred Lowack asked about AMMA changing the name to include Maintenance. Joe stated he would pursue this to see what the consequences, if any, would be in doing this as it is in the Charter and is registered with the Commonwealth of Virginia. Jim suggested adding companies who are suppliers to layer the membership. Joe stated that collectively we are large in numbers. Joe stated we are still looking for someone to chair or start this committee and encouraged everyone to be recruiters.
- C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** Website Chair, John Ensey was unavailable to report. Joe stated the website needs to be updated to reflect change in Board members. Ron Verostek is now the President and Joe Yurso is now the Vice-President. Joe will check with the Virginian Pilot

about possibly doing an announcement. Joe urged everyone to use the website and provide any feedback as this is our responsibility.

**D. Quality Assurance Committee:** Don Zimbardo, Committee Chairman was unavailable to report. Joe posted the minutes from the QA meeting held on June 5, 2012. There were 8 companies at that meeting. Currently the Subcommittee is evaluating proposals from training companies who could address Root Cause Analysis. The Navy has had a company to come in and train them. AMMA has solicited 3 companies. Joe is trying to find out who trained the Navy. The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2012.

**E. Safety/Training Committee:** Safety Chairman, Cliff Motley, was unavailable to report. Joe posted the minutes from the last meeting held on June 20, 2012. A poll was taken to come up with Safety Manual table of contents. They have come up with 12 things that should be in the Safety Manual as a baseline. Next upcoming meetings will address: Lock out, tag out on August 15, 2012 and Fall Protection on September 19, 2012. A decision will be made on a company to train Root Cause Analysis by June 30, 2012. The fire onboard the Miami was also discussed and changes to Standard Items have already taken place. MSDS being changed to SDS and making this a Globally Harmonized System (GHS). The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2012.

**F. AMMA Booths for 2012:** Bob Blenner, reported that we need to reprint the panel for the booth to include up to date members. He needs an active roster and stated a new panel would take about 2 to 3 weeks. Joe will check on updating the brochure. Joe stated he would like to have this accomplished before the FMMS. Diane stated she would download some pictures for Joe. Bob stated he would look again for any new events coming up.

2012 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Theme	Exhibit Price	Notes
A	Jan 10-12 2012	Surface Navy Association	24 <sup>th</sup> National Symposium	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	A Credible source in Uncertain times	TBD	Did not Participate
B	Feb 9-10 2012	ASNE	ASNE Day 2012	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	Naval Warfare – Critical Engineering Challenges	Complimentary	Exhibited
C	May 8-10 2012	ASNE	Multi Agency Craft Conference (MACC 2012)	JEB Ft Story – Little Creek	Schedule in doubt	TBD	Cancelled
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	Did not Participate
E	June 12-14 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	Did not Participate

F	June 26-27 2012	ASNE	High Performance Craft Expo (HiPer Craft) 2012	Half Moon Cruise and Celebration Center, Norfolk, VA		Complimentary	Exhibited
G	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 said NAVSEA has stated they would issue a letter which resolves this issue.
2. **Participation in Committees** – Joe said he feels we are making progress with participation and encouraged everyone to get involved in the various committees.
3. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** – Joe stated the luncheon was now done and felt it was a success. Wants to continue with this annual event.
4. **Navy Management changes for information** – Joe stated the only change he was aware of was Burke from PACFLEET to ATLFLEET. RADM Joe Campbell is retiring and Mark Whitney is taking his place. Whitney is from Puget Sound.
5. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– No further information to discuss at this time.
6. **IDIQ** – Have a committee that is now looking at this. Charlie Ellin stated one of the fundamental thoughts in the beginning was MSMO and AIT. Now the game has changed – MSMO has changed and wants to do more work. Ship Maintenance and Life Cycle – NSSA is a forcing factor.
7. **RAPID Gate** – This is now a way of life.
8. **Training** – No discussion.
9. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** – No discussion.

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

1. **Nominations** – Joe stated that the Board met on June 21, 2012 and that Jim Taylor, Nick Clark and Sondra Mayfield will remain in the Board positions they currently held. Ron Verostek is now the President and Joe Yurso is now the Vice-President.
2. **Sequestration** – Joe feels we are headed for a train wreck with no apparent solutions. Program Management says 30% will be coming out of Aircraft Carriers.
3. **Dues** – Joe stated each board member has been assigned different companies to contact for any outstanding dues.
4. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 26 July 2012 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.
  - I. **Adjourn:** 2:25 p.m.  
Copy to all members