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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 27 July 2012.

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 8/23/12

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; Richard Essenmacher, L-3 Unidyne; Keith Evans, LPI Tech; Lynn Hampton, AMSEC; Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Nick Clark, George Sharp; Jeff Green, Generation Refrigeration; Al Diaz, CMCT Phone in: John Ensey

Guests in attendance: Amanda Lupton, Surge Force

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso, Q.E.D. Systems. Joe stated he appreciated all who were in attendance and introductions were made around the room. Joe recognized Carl Sprayberry who was unable to attend the luncheon on May 3rd and presented him with a token of appreciation for his participation in AMMA. Joe announced that Ron Verostek was the new President and turned the meeting over to Ron.

Ron stated it was good to be at the meeting and step into this role. No changes are expected as to how we will progress other than progressive improvement to serve member companies. Ron explained a little about his company and what they do and stated that with their diversity and that hopefully that perspective helps AMMA.

Old Business:

1. **Review and approval of the minutes:** The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and accepted. John Ensey requested a copy of the approved minutes be sent to him so they could be posted on the AMMA website.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, reported a balance in the treasury of 87,933.18. All invoices are up to date. Ron requested Nick provide a copy of all members who are delinquent with their dues. Joe mentioned that AMMA does have the upcoming "Root Cause Analysis" event that will require payment as a company has been selected.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** No Membership Chairman at this time. Ron stated members should all be constantly inviting other companies to attend and join. Ron asked that anyone who would like to chair this committee to please contact him. Carl mentioned that the committee Jack Kasiski is chairing would be an active source in membership as he continues contacting IDIQ Contractors.

C. Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>): Website Chair, John Ensey stated he would like to start receiving a copy of the approved minutes after each meeting to place on the website. He will make a few changes to the main page over the next couple of days. Joe stated he would like to have the icon "About AMMA" deleted and would like to provide a more user friendly way to access "Application" and "AMMA Bylaws" other than at the end of the page. John stated he could put this in the left hand column. John will also be updating pictures for new positions on the Board. Ron urged everyone to use the website and provide any feedback.

D. Quality Assurance Committee: Don Zimbardo, Committee Chairman was unavailable to report. No meeting was held the month of July. Joe mentioned a few months back he had distributed a paper on "Root Cause Analysis". It has been firmed up to have a training for at least 40 people. This will be opened up for QA and Safety first. Joe will send out an email concerning this. It was mentioned that if we do not get enough participation we should open up to non-members. We could use this as a marketing tool. This is gratis to all AMMA members. Ton thinks this would be a great idea.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Safety Chairman, Cliff Motley, was unavailable to report. No meeting was held the month of July. Joe states the reason for no meeting was due to a conflicting conference that was cancelled at the last minute.

F. AMMA Booths for 2012: Bob Blenner, reported that we are already registered for FMS in September. Bob needs an updated list of active members. Joe mentioned he would also like to get some new flyers. Bob will send out a watch list about 30 days prior to the event. Feedback on the Hi-per Craft: Carl and Joe felt it was not very well attended. They also felt it wasn't the best place to have it. The first day was pretty good but faded fast after that. Joe feels there will be fewer and fewer attendance for government personnel due to the restriction on travel. Bob will go around to member companies that have booths the day of the event and pass out the AMMA logo to display on their booths.

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	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

Ron first opened the floor for any discussion –

1. **Local Travel Clause** - Joe reported he was able to get changes for local travel but some agencies continued putting it in their contract. Elliot Branch has been successful in helping with this. On July 9th a letter went out from NAVSEA to ALL HANDS with the subject: Proper Clause use. Action items were to Review FAR clauses in Contracts and immediately correct FAR clauses that prohibit local travel. Joe will distribute letter via email and would like to have any feedback. Al Diaz suggested during contact with Contracting Officers to mention this information received through local professional organization and use that as a tool for discussion if it is in a current contract.
2. **Participation in Committees** – Ron encouraged everyone to get involved in the various committees.
3. **Annual Luncheon/local VIP meeting** – Joe stated he would like to see this continue and passed this on to Ron for continued action.
4. **Navy Management changes for information** – Joe stated Adm Harvey is being relieved. Joe mentioned other changes that have and will be taking place.
5. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– No further information to discuss at this time.
6. **IDIQ** – Jack Kasiski was unavailable to report on this committee. Ron will contact Jack for next meeting scheduled.
7. **RAPID Gate** – Item to be deleted from Topics of discussion.
8. **Prohibition in the FAR** – Item to be deleted from Topic of discussion.
9. **Training** – Discussed during the QA and Safety discussions. Lynn Hampton stated AMSEC would be holding training on PCMS Tiles and would like to fill the class and opened it up for AMMA members. AMMA will sponsor 1 if member

companies will pay for one attendee. This is for certification on PCMS Tiles and will be approximately 300.10 per person.

10. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** – No discussion but will be maintained in the Topics for discussion.
11. **Transfer of Welder Qualifications** – Carl stated he had a lengthy conversation and would like clarification. What does “Transfer of Quals” mean exactly. Joe stated that VSRA and AMMA wanted welders qualifications transferrable and submitted a letter. However, no where does it state transferring procedures. Currently this is left up to the discretion of QA. Recognize that the Mil-Spec will not allow it but NSSA states they will take that risk. Carl will send Joe an email so he can bring it up to Aldridge at the next QA meeting on August 14th.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sequestration** – Joe feels the budget act of 2011 threatens to leave the U.S. in sovereign default. These cuts will mean over 21 billion to Hampton Roads. Texas, Virginia and California get the most revenue. Ron attended a brief on Tuesday that addressed Sequestration. There is going to be a briefing on Monday at Nauticus from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
2. **Dues** – Ron will get list from Nick of any members that are currently delinquent.
3. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 23 August 2012 at the Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

I. **Adjourn:** 2:10 p.m.
Copy to all members