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

Members in attendance: Joe Yurso, QED Systems; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Lynn Hampton, AMSEC; Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Dan Miller, Jo-Kell; Scotty Britton, LPI; Don Zimbardo, VT Group; Mike Ryan, QED; Brian McFarland, AIT; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Fred Lowack, L-3 Unidyne; Dale Hoffer, URS
Phone in: Jim Taylor

Guests in attendance: None

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group. Ron welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made around the room.

Old Business:

1. **Review and approval of the minutes:** The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and accepted.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, was unavailable to report but Ron provided a copy of the reports with a balance in the treasury of 88,442.71. Carl requested confirmation on interest. Ron stated he would confirm with Nick.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** No Membership Chairman at this time. Ron stated he would like to invite members to step up and volunteer. Ron encouraged everyone to invite companies to join. Joe mentioned he has a company who is wanting to join. Ron stated he had a list of members who were delinquent in their dues and would be contacting them. Joe stated he would check the PO Box as some stated they had sent a check.
- C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** Website Chair, John Ensey was unavailable to report. Joe stated most all changes have been updated on the website. Ron urged everyone to use the website and provide any feedback.
- D. **Quality Assurance Committee:** Don Zimbardo, Committee Chairman reported they met on Aug 2, 2012 with 9 member companies in attendance. Don stated the audits are going good with 7 completed and the balance to be completed by the end of the year. The root cause analysis workshop is coming up. They discussed SERAC meeting being cancelled and reorganization of NSSA. Melissa Taylor is in charge of welding. Next meeting will be Sept 6, 2012. Fred reported

that Rick Essenmacher is now in charge of QA. Carl brought up the exchange of welders quals and needing clarification. Don asked that he get back with him on specifics so he can go back to get a consensus. If a resolution can't be reached then Joe stated he would go back to Mike Aldridge. Mike asked about Navy training – weld procedures especially. Joe stated they have been going back and forth. Joe requested feedback on topic of QMS. Ron requested information on issues pertaining to welder quals, QMS and Navy training.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Safety Chairman, Wally Finn was unavailable to report. Ron went over the minutes from the last meeting. There were 8 members in attendance. Discussed Root Cause work shop to be held on August 30, 2012. The morning session is full and there are 11 slots open in the afternoon session. Table of Contents have been completed. Discussed 10 hour training course for the October 1 requirements. Ron will send out the minutes from the last meeting. Looking for a new Chairman and co-chair.

F. AMMA Booths for 2012: Bob Blenner, passed out a watch bill for the upcoming FMMS being held on 9-18-12 and 9-19-12. He stated he needed to finalize members so a new placard could be made up. Bob would like to order this on Monday. Ron stated he would contact members and Joe will check the PO box for any payments received and will notify Bob on Wednesday. Bob stated we had plenty of handouts. MACC will be done in 2013. FMMS reporting 200 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 NAVSEA had issued a letter about restriction of 50 mile radius and to stop using this restriction. Joe requested feedback from everyone who may be affected. He stated he has questioned some and they state they don't know anything about the NAVSEA letter. Joe would like to know so he can give discussion with Elliott Branch at the TASK meeting.
2. **Elections** – Joe stated there is a section in the Virginian Pilot for announcement of new board members.
3. **Sequestration** – Lot of uncertainty. Sondra stated George Hill had written an article for a magazine that resulted in an interview with a national station be televised on 60 minutes. Once George Hill receives notification as to when this will air, Sondra will pass on the information.
4. **Implementation of Navy Standard Welding Procedures**– No additional discussion beyond QA discussion reported in the minutes.
5. **Organizational Conflict of Interest** – No discussion but will be maintained in the Topics for discussion.
6. **Transfer of Welder Qualifications** – No additional discussion beyond QA discussion reported in the minutes.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Input requested** –
2. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 27 September 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