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**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 15 May, 2013. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

**Location:** QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

**A. Opening Administrative Remarks and Attendee Introductions:**

Tina Breeden	Vanwin
Fred Cobbin	Amee Bay
Tom Craddock	Delphinus Engineering
Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Wes Foy	Valkyrie Enterprises
John Gates	L-3 Unidyne
Jolean Halford	QED
Otto Hylton	AMSEC
Randy Kanode	QED
Olisa Moyer	URS

**B. Old Business:**

- 17 April, 2013 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- The AMMA website is changing. There will be limited access to the general public. There will be broad access to AMMA members with a sign-in.
- May 9, 2013 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights.
  - i. A new Work Authorization Form (WAF) online orientation program is being created.
  - ii. The Safety Professional Education Program Committee has been meeting regularly.
  - iii. The annual Safety & Health Seminar will be held on October 23, 2013 at the Ted Constant Convocation Center at ODU. The theme this year is “Home Safe –not just for baseball.” They are looking for Welding and Electrical Safety speakers.
  - iv. A NAVSEA Standard Items Review Committee is being created. Contact Brian Applewhite of Tecnico if interested.
- May 15, 2013 VSRA OSHA Partnership Meeting Highlights
  - i. The partnership has been approved for another three years. This is the only maritime/OSHA partnership in the country.

- ii. OSHA pushing for Heat Stress awareness training and Fall Protection awareness training. Here are links to OSHA publications:
  - 1. <http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchResults?pSearch=heat%20stress>
  - 2. <http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchResults?pSearch=fall%20protection>
- iii. Fuel Tank Testing for toxicity. There is no PEL or IDLH kerosene, diesel fuel or JP-5. As such, OSHA has nothing to enforce. However, NAVSEA Standard Item 009-07 (DRAFT FY-14) adds a new requirement:
  - 1. 3.1.1.2 For fuel tanks or spaces that contain or have contained fuel, including F-76 and JP-5, in addition to the atmospheric testing required by 2.2 (29 CFR Part 1915, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Shipyard Employment), **test for diesel fuel (CAS No. 68334-30-5; 68476-30-2; 68476-31-3; 68476-34-6, 77650-28-3) as total hydrocarbons in accordance with 2.6 (American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents)**, and record total hydrocarbon test results on the Marine Chemist Certificate or competent person's log of tests and inspections.
- iv. A new self-tracking training spreadsheet was introduced for safety training, self-inspections and hazards corrected.
- v. The question was raised that when working in a JLG basket and you extend over water, which do you wear; the harness and lifeline hooked to the basket or a PFD? The OSHA Area Director reinforced the interpretation that when working at elevated levels over water, wearing a Personal Fall Arrest System is a higher level of protection than wearing a Personal Flotation Device. It was reported that Sterns does make a PFD that can accommodate the simultaneous use of the harness and PFD.
- vi. The Partnership is working on new goals for 2014.

#### **D. New Business**

- Future Meeting topics
  - i. June 19 meeting topic will be Air Sampling by Randy Kanode of QED.
  - ii. July 17 meeting topic will be OSHA Required Safety Training and Frequency by TBD
  - iii. August 21 meeting topic will be Global Harmonization System by TBD
- Fire Watch Training Program self-evaluation

- i. Wally Finn handed out the attached self-evaluation to assess Fire Watch Training Programs. The self-evaluation is simply the OSHA 1915.508 listed requirements for a Fire Watch Training program. NSSA used this recently to audit one of our Prime Contractor's Programs.

**E. Open Discussion**

➤ Lessons Learned

- i. Jolean Halford of QED described a bench grinder “no-go” gauge by Danray to assist with the 1/8” work rest adjustment and the ¼” tongue guard adjustment. A flyer is attached. Danray product info is in this link:  
<http://www.danrayproducts.com/store/BenchGrinderSafetyScale.cfm>
- ii. An AMMA member recently had a Virginia Beach Fire Marshall inspection and needed to upgrade all refrigerators, microwaves, coffee pots, etc. to commercial grade wiring, and ensure that no extension cords or surge protectors are used.
- iii. An AMMA member stated that for recent examples he uses the latest OSHA Inspection report for his company and the May 2012 OSHA inspection of Bath Iron Works in Maine during the OSHA 10 hour training class. Details are in this link:  
[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=22095](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22095)

- Any recent near misses or accidents that people would like to share with the group?

Topic	Lessons Learned
Back strain while carrying a tool bag up a fixed ladder onboard a ship. The tool bag got caught on a manway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider transporting the tool bag with a rope.</li><li>• If you are going to carry a tool bag, consider wearing it in front of you.</li></ul>

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 19, 2013** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. **Please note that we are changing our meeting start time to 1:00 pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wally Finn, Chairman, AMMA Safety Committee