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**American Maritime Modernization Association, Inc.**

**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 17 July, 2013. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

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

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

Bill Buchanan	George G Sharp
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Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Wes Foy	Valkyrie Enterprises
Jolean Halford	QED
Otto Hylton	AMSEC
Olisa Moyer	URS
Ryan Soles	Main Industries
Steve Spraberry	AIT

**B. Old Business:**

- 19 June, 2013 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- July 11, 2013 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights.
  - Work Authorization Form (WAF) training is in beta test mode. Should be final in August.
  - A Scaffolding Competent Person course is being developed.
  - A subcommittee was created to develop guidelines about Safety Suggestion criteria. Otto Hylton, AMSEC, is the chair.
  - 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.
  - A NAVSEA Standard Items Review Committee has been created. Tom Binner of BAE is the chairman.
  - BAE and NASSCO are close to an agreement about a combined confined space entry permit.
  - An ominous prediction from Brian Applewhite: I2P2 is coming. I2P2 stands for Injury and Illness Prevention Plan.
- Future Meeting Topics. The following list was generated:
  - OSHA Safety Training Requirements
  - Marine Scaffolding
  - Shop Equipment Wiring
  - Machine Guarding
  - VOC Reporting Requirements
  - Temporary Workers
  - This is a good list. Now everyone needs to think about presenters.

#### D. New Business

- Wally Finn gave a presentation on the Global Harmonized System (GHS) Initiative.
  - i. By December 1, 2013, all employers must train their employees on the new label requirements and safety data sheet (SDS) format.
  - ii. Attached are several handouts, including OSHA Quick Cards on Pictograms, Labeling and Safety Data Sheets.
  - iii. VSRA has a 22 minute video available for sign out.

#### E. Open Discussion

- Heat Stress
  - i. There was a heat-related fatality on July 5, 2013 at Norfolk Naval Operations Base onboard the USS Nitze (DDG-94), an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. A 26 year old temporary worker for a deck repair company was working topside, fainted, and never regained consciousness.
  - ii. OSHA has a lot of training material on their website at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>
  - iii. OSHA also has a smart phone app called OSHA Heat Safety Tool. It's free. Enter temperature and humidity and it calculates the Heat Index. It also provides a Risk Level and then gives the precautions to take based on the Heat Index.
  
- Any recent near misses or accidents that people would like to share with the group?
  - i. A person was bitten by a brown recluse spider, but because he did not report it in a timely manner, it could not be determined if it occurred on the job or not.
  - ii. A person witnessed a forklift driver hit a 440 power line while driving in reverse with the mast raised while carrying a fuel drum.
  - iii. A company was cited for having combustibles within 35 feet of hot work. The combustibles were on one level. The hot work (welding) was taking place in an opening mid-level between the level with the combustibles and the level below. Although there appeared to be little risk, they were within the 35 foot distance.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 21, 2013** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

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