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Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 22 August 2013.

Attached: - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)
- Membership Roster, dated 7/18/13

Members of the American Maritime Modernization Association met at QED, 4646 N Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1:00 PM on Thursday 25 July 2013.

Members in attendance: Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group; Nick Clark, George Sharp; Wally Finn, Epsilon; Joe Yurso, QED; Bill Wren, East Coast Repair & Fab; David Finke, Eagle Crest; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Glen Little, LCE; Fred Lowack, L-3 Unidyne; Lisa Thompson, Serco; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Don Zimbardo, VT Group; Fred Cobbin, Ameer Bay; Bart Morrison, Serco; Dennis FitzPatrick, T-Solutions; Lee Benz, Prosoft; Phone: Jim Taylor, Epsilon

Guests/Visitors in attendance: Mary Turner, InspecTesting

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:** Ron asked for acceptance of the minutes and any discussion. David Finke requested clarification on H/1 and Joe Yurso elaborated. And G/1 was corrected to EPCP. The minutes were then accepted with modifications.
- A. **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Nick Clark, reported a balance in the treasury of \$88,629.96. Nick stated all of this is currently in the checking account. He is working on investments and has new signature cards and a meeting set with the VP of the bank. Ron stated we will look for uses to benefit members in the near future.
- B. **Membership Status Report:** Membership Chairman, David Finke welcomed InspecTesting and stated they would be joining this week. T-Solutions has joined recently and the goal is still to increase membership to 60 by the end of the year. Ron stated he had approached a few companies about joining. David suggested getting the CRMC audit and that members could also benefit from VSRA audits. It is good for the Port and Navy to have organizations that do well for our military. Ron reminded everyone to be marketeers.
- C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** John Ensey was unavailable. Ron stated that last month they discussed taking photos and putting tag lines on there. One comment that was mentioned was about hull numbers but he doesn't think that will be an issue because you can Google the same information. Ron encouraged everyone to look at the website.

D. Quality Assurance Committee: QA Chairman, Zimbardo reported they had met on August 1st with attendance of 9 people representing 8 companies. They discussed the VSRA highlights, Method A Cars, Multi pin cable way, review qualifications of auditors, Air Test clarity and Lessons Learned. Joe stated that a comment came up about AIT's during a conference call. Joe said the process is the Government and requested a list of violators. Ron stated he was supposed to be on a committee to address AIT's not adhering to MSMO rules and asked: Who are they? Are they AMMA members? Jim stated that every time the subject comes up we should stand up and make the point.

E. Safety/Training Committee: Safety Chairman, Wally Finn reported they had met this month with 6 members representing 6 companies in attendance. They discussed the VSRA highlights and OSHA. Wally stated they are having trouble getting guest speakers for topics. This past year there were several members who volunteered to speak on specific subjects. Currently there is an active list of subjects members would like to be briefed on. They are currently reviewing the FY 15 Safety related items and went over Lessons Learned concerning injuries. Fred suggested a liaison with the Navy Safety Center located at NOB to acquire guest speakers on specific topics. Ron suggested possibly going to companies outside of the AMMA membership. Jim suggested presenting at the AMMA general meeting.

F. AMMA Booths for 2012: Event Chairman, Bob Blenner reported AMMA will be attending F. Shipping the booth Tuesday and will be at QED by Friday. Not much response has been received on manning the booth. Bill Wren stated he just received authority to go and will contact Carl to offer help with manning the booth. Tri folds and Member Roster have been updated. Bob will start looking to next year and the first event should be ANSE as we did not participate in SNA (A) last year. Joe mentioned one show being scrubbed at the Convention Center for 2014 but would be keeping San Diego. Jim stated that the San Diego event is huge and gets lots of support from SPAWAR. The FMMS event will be Sept 8 and 9, 2014 in Virginia Beach.

2013 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Exhibit Price	Notes
A	Jan 15-17 2013	Surface Navy Association	25 th National Symposium	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA		Did not Participate In 2012
B	Feb 21-22 2013	ASNE	ASNE Day 2013	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	Complimentary booth in 2012	Exhibited in 2012
C	May 22-23 2013	ASNE and NSWCCD-SSES	Intelligent Ship Symposium (ISS) X	University of Pennsylvania Annenberg Center, Philadelphia PA		Exhibited in 2011
D	June 19-20 2013	ASNE	High Performance Craft Expo (HiPer Craft) 2013	Half Moon Cruise and Celebration Center, Norfolk, VA	ASNE provided Complimentary Booth in 2012	Exhibited in 2012

E	June 25-27 2013	ASNE	Mega Rust 2013: US Navy Corrosion Conference	Newport News Marriott, Newport News, VA		Have never participated
F	Aug 27-28 2013	ASNE	Fleet Maintenance Symposium	Town and Country Reso & Convention Center, San Diego, CA	Registration \$2,400 – ~ 250 for peripherals	Exhibited in 2011 Registered

G. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

1. **Sequestration/Furloughs** – Ron stated furloughs have ended as of August 17. Hopefully we will see positive impact moving forward.
2. **JINII** – Ron reported that the agenda has come out. Ron will send this information to the AMMA member.

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Board Officers** – Ron stated the Board met on July 25th and elections were held and all slots will remain the same as last year.
2. **Course surveys** – Ron will pass on the David Finke to send out to members to see what they would like to see.
3. **Networking with TASC** – Joe is working on this to have a joint meeting with TASC.
4. **Executive Director** – Ron mentioned possibly hiring someone part time to grow the AMMA membership.

Next Regular Meeting: The next general meeting will be 26 September 2013 at Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

Adjourn: 2:05 p.m.
Copy to all members