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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 26 September 2013.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)  
- Membership Roster, dated 9/25/13

Members of the American Maritime Modernization Association met at QED, 4646 N Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1:00 PM on Thursday 26 September 2013.

**Members in attendance:** Joe Yurso, QED; Wally Finn, Epsilon; David Finke, Eagle Crest; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Rich Essenmacher, L-3 Unidyne; Rajan Singh, Williams Mullen; Lynn Hampton, AMSEC; Mike Atkinson, Delphinus; Jennifer Whitham, Vanwin; Al Diaz, CMCT; Phone: Jim Taylor, Carl Spraberry

**Guests/Visitors in attendance:** Bob Brooks, Merrill Lynch

**Opening remarks:** At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Joe Yurso. Joe welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made around the room. Joe mentioned we had a member to pass, DeWitt Davis, earlier this week and stated the service would be held on Saturday and anyone who could attend, it would be appreciated.

**Old Business:**

1. **Review and approval of the minutes:** Joe asked for acceptance of the minutes and any discussion. The following corrections were to be made: Section E: FY 14 vs FY 15, Section F: should read 2013 and correct ASNE spelling and FMMS will be held Sept 8 through the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The minutes were then accepted with modifications.
  - A. **Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Nick Clark, was unavailable to report but had provided the balance in the treasury of \$87,382.30. Joe stated that the Finance committee was working on making some investments in the near future.
  - B. **Membership Status Report:** Membership Chairman, David Finke asked if anyone had received membership from InspecTesting, but there has been no response. Joe reminded everyone to be marketers.
  - C. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** John Ensey was unavailable. Joe mentioned there are 2 phases: 1 for members and 1 for public. Joe stated the changes were made some time back and encouraged everyone to look at the website.
  - D. **Quality Assurance Committee:** QA Chairman, Don Zimbardo was unavailable to report. Joe had the minutes from their meeting and highlighted their meeting as discussing Audit training, VSRA briefing, Lessons Learned and Connector Building and Cable work.

**E. Safety/Training Committee:** Safety Chairman, Wally Finn reported they had met last week with 10 personnel representing 10 companies in attendance. He stated they would miss DeWitt Davis as he was a regular attendee. They discussed the VSRA highlights. One member raised a question about metal canisters. They had a new member attend and will be speaking about scaffolding. Started on Std It FY 14 review and facility safety plans are being updated. Other discussions were held on PCB's and AB cabling, Cable cutting classes and Issue with "lay flat" requirements.

**F. AMMA Booths for 2013:** Event Chairman, Bob Blenner reported AMMA attended F. Jim and Carl both attended and stated there was good Navy leadership but lacked in waterfront attendance. Carl stated JINII was non productive in discussions held about unknowns and very little industry input. He felt there was not a lot of substance. Bob stated he would supply a new 2014 list soon.

2013 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Exhibit Price	Notes
A	Jan 15-17 2013	Surface Navy Association	25 <sup>th</sup> 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** – Joe mentioned the Government shutdown that may occur on Oct 1, 2013. Jim stated there are a lot of new members that have no background or knowledge of defense. He stated we need to call our Congressman and help in educating new members.
2. **JINII** – See paragraph 1F.

#### H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **Election of Board Officers** – Joe mentioned that all board members were retaining their same positions..
2. **Course surveys** – No discussion
3. **Networking with TASC** – No discussion
4. **Executive Director** – No discussion

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting is scheduled for November 28 but discussions will need to be held as this is Thanksgiving.

**Adjourn:** 2:00 p.m.  
Copy to all members