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**Subject:** Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 5 December 2013.

**Attached:** - Attendee Sign-In Sheet (original only)

Members of the American Maritime Modernization Association met at QED, 4646 N Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1:00 PM on Thursday 5 December 2013.

**Members in attendance:** Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group; Nick Clark, George Sharp; Wally Finn, Epsilon; Joe Yurso, QED; Bill Wren, East Coast Repair & Fab; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Sondra Mayfield, Advex; Alan Marshall, Serco; Bart Morrison, Serco; Jim Simons, LCE; Brad Burke, Valkyrie; David Finke, Eagle Crest

**Guests/Visitors 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:**

- A. **Review and approval of the minutes:** Ron asked for acceptance of the minutes and any discussion. The minutes were corrected to correct the spelling of Dr. Agarwal. The minutes were then accepted with modifications.
- B. **Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer, Nick Clark, reported a balance in the treasury of \$82,395.26. Nick stated all bills are paid and up to date. Nick reported there was currently 20,000 in CD's and was going after the meeting to get another 10,000.00 CD.
- C. **Membership Status Report:** David Finke reported at the Board Meeting it was discussed plan for membership drive. The AMMA organization needs a strategic plan. Original plan was to get credibility for AIT's and that has been accomplished. David feels we should branch out beyond the Tidewater area. Joe Yurso mentioned that everyone should take 2 brochures and pass them out at every opportunity. David offered to contact anyone that was a possible prospect. Wally Finn volunteered to contact Inspect Testing. Ron reminded everyone to be marketeers.
- D. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** John Ensey was unavailable to report. Ron asked if anyone had questions about the website. Joe asked Ron to contact John to see if there have been any hits on the website.
- E. **Quality Assurance Committee:** Don Zimbardo was unavailable to report. Ron brought a copy of the minutes from the last meeting held on

November 7, 2013. There were 9 companies in attendance. They discussed the VSRA meeting and AMMA general meeting. Discussed multi-pin , Cableway and Fiber Optic Process Audits that are coming up. Wally reported that the cables on the USS Eisenhower have been coming up as containing asbestos. Ron had questions about lessons learned and plans to contact Don.

F. **Safety/Training Committee:** Safety Chairman, Wally Finn reported they did not meeting December and will be starting back up in January. Wally reported that the VSRA is now offering WAF training. One of the new requirements for 009-32 which adds Beryllium to test for. Discussed heat related death and that both sides were found responsible. Lessons Learned – removing paint from items (fasteners) have to be tested as they are cleaned for reuse.

G. **Events for 2014:** Bob Blenner was unavailable to report. Joe stated that event B is planned but not yet approved. AMMA is already registered for Event D. Joe mentioned an electrical event that is not on our list but should be although we may not attend.

2014 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Exhibit Price	Notes
A	Feb 20-21 2014	ASNE	ASNE Day 2014	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	ASNE provided Complimentary booth	Exhibited in 2012 And 2013
B	June 10-12 2014	ASNE	Multi-Agency Craft Conference (MACC) 2014	JEB Little Creek – Fort Story Virginia Beach, VA	No information available	Exhibited in 2008
C	June 24-26 2014	ASNE	Mega Rust 2014: US Navy Corrosion Conference	Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA	Registration – 1,650.00 to 2,400.00 – 250.00 peripheral	Have never participated
F	Sept 9-10 2014	ASNE	Fleet Maintenance Symposium	Virginia Beach Convention Center, Virginia Beach, VA	Registration – 2,400.00/500.00 peripherals	Exhibited in 2012 Registered

H. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – OLD BUSINESS

1. **Government shut down** – Joe mentioned that a university did a study that showed this area would be growing over the next 5 years. David mentioned that a lot of companies are looking for other areas to supplement work. Joe also stated that 50% of our area is funded by the Federal Government.
2. **Electrical Safety** – Joe stated there is a big focus on electrical safety lately.

## I. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION – NEW BUSINESS

1. **AMMA/ASNE Dinner** – Captain Mike Malone will be the speaker. Ron sent out flyers earlier this week. Joe encouraged everyone to try to attend.
2. **Board Meeting** – Ron stated the Board had met and discussed several topics: Membership – discussed what do we want to accomplish as an organization. Do we want to expand? Need to make sure membership is value added to it's members.
3. **AMMA Annual Luncheon** – Joe has spoke to Ronal O'Rourke about being a possible speaker. Ron will follow up on this.
4. **Executive Director** – Ron stated AMMA is looking for someone to fill this position.
5. **Nominations** – Joe mentioned we need to start looking at nominations for next year's election.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next general meeting will be 23 January 2014 at Q.E.D. Systems, Inc Headquarters, 4646 North Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA at 1 P.M.

**Adjourn:** 2:08 p.m.  
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