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**Subject:** AMMA Safety Committee Monthly Meeting held @ 1:00 pm on Wednesday, 17 June, 2015. Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

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

**Call In:** We now have a conference call number for those members that cannot physically make it to the meeting.

- Conference call number: **1-605-475-5900**
- Conference code: **2672299#**

Please take note that the call in number is NOT a toll free number, long distance charges may apply with your telephone service provider if you do not have free long distance on your plan.

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

Wally Finn	Epsilon Systems
Jason Kjos	Epsilon Systems
Tom Craddock	Delphinus
Jolean Halford	QED
Wayne Watson	LPI Technical
George Whitson	SMS
Otto Hylton	AMSEC
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Olisa Moyer	AECOM
Eric Strickland	Advanced Integrated
Shawn Chausee	Phoenix Group
Wesley Foy	Valkyrie

(No Call In received)

**B. Old Business:**

- 15 April, 2015 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**C. Topics for Discussion**

- 11 June, 2015 VSRA Safety Meeting Highlights:
  - i. German Shipping Company fined \$750,000 for discharging oily bilge water into Alaska waters.
  - ii. On June 1, 2015, the Deytens, SC commercial shipyard was fined \$101,600 by OSHA for an inspection in December 2014 that showed 15 violations.
  - iii. The VSRA 2015 training schedule is online. NAVSEA Cableway Course will be held June 22-26 and an OSHA-10 Course will be held June 24-25.
  - iv. There was one safety suggestion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, which was an idea to better promote safety suggestions. This did not pass as a valid suggestion.
  - v. There was a suggestion to make large safety banners and place them on fences at entrances to facilities to better promote safety.

- vi. Safety Seminar Subcommittee. The seminar will be held at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. John Davis, Crofton Diving, is the POC and he is looking for volunteers. He can be reached at <mailto:jdavis@croftondiving.com>.
- vii. The next subcommittee meeting is Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- viii. The OSHA Area Director, Dan Dewease, just resigned. John Ratcliffe, OSHA Area Compliance Officer, is the current Point of Contact.
- ix. The SSRAC Committee will meet in Newport News July 27-31. VSRA submitted no proposals. Only one VSRA member submitted a proposal (Valkyrie, 009-07, Clarify requirements for type of portable fire extinguisher).
- x. Remember the four precautions of WATER, REST, SHADE, and ACCLIMATIZATION. There is a lot of information on the OSHA website [Heat Illness Prevention](#).
- xi. A Tagout Users Manual (TUMs) subcommittee is meeting Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at VSRA.
- xii. A Permit Authorizing Individual (PAI) Hot Work subcommittee has been formed. They are revising a generic form to be used by VSRA members.
- xiii. There was a sandblasting injury onboard the USS Mahon at BAE shipyard.
- xiv. A 62 year-old tuna factory employee in CA died in 2012 when he was enclosed in in oven for two hours at 270 degrees F. In 2013, the company was cited for six violations and fined \$74,000. Just recently, The Production Manager and the Safety Manager were charged with criminal liability.
- xv. Next VSRA meeting is July 09, 2015 @ 10:30 at AMSEC.

- Industry Call Highlights: No member available to report
- AMMA General Meeting Highlights:
  - i. Looking to expand information and access on the AMMA website using improved links that will hopefully promote information sharing, etc.
  - ii. AMMA's luncheon will be at the Founders INN on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 1130. Contact AMMA to RSVP.
- AMMA Safety Committee Meeting
- New Business
  - i. Discussed submitted changes that involve safety for the upcoming SSRAC conference.
- Guest Speaker future meeting topics
  - i. Shipboard Electrical Safety and NES 300 changes
  - ii. Tank watch & rescue requirements
  - iii. HAZWOPPER
  - iv. Noise Monitoring Program

Jason Kjos presented information covering VOC reporting requirements out of NAVSEA SI 009-02. Specific areas included:

1. Negative reporting is always required
2. Reports should include paints, solvents, adhesives, and nonskid used
3. Abrasive Blast Grit materials and associated permits (if required by state)
4. Welding Rod usage
5. Portable internal combustion (IC) engine use greater than 50-brake HP
6. Requirement for providing a Safety Data Sheet for all products used

\*If someone would like to volunteer to present one of the topics above at our next meeting, please contact Wally with the details.

**D. Open Discussion:** Input from members attending

- Spoke about trying to find the requirements for flammable storage lockers for the cities of Hampton and Norfolk. Use this link to access the State of Virginia Fire Prevention Code: [State of Virginia Fire Prevention Code](#).
- Lessons Learned:
  - i. Discussed the need for access to local standard items in order to better prepare checklists associated with RMMCO check-in requirements.
  - ii. Briefly discussed Asbestos 29 CFR 1915.1001 references AHERA (40 CFR part 763, subpart E).
  - iii. Briefly discussed RCRA 8.
- Recent Injuries
  - i. An individual twisted their arm from trying to lift a heavy object from the back of a vehicle.
  - ii. An individual was cutting pieces of angle iron overhead while another was assisting the process adjacent to and below the cutting area. The piece of cut iron fell and hit the assisting individual, cutting their forearm requiring stitches.
  - iii. An individual suffered a back injury when he fell while climbing down a ladder, losing work for a week. The cause of the fall was cramping muscles. It has been noticed by health care professionals that individuals being seen in hospitals for injuries have low levels of potassium and magnesium in their systems.
  - iv. Two individuals suffered head injuries when they walked through spaces with a low overhead (temporary services running through the space) resulting in a week of lost work.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next safety committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 15 July, 2015** at 1:00 pm at QED Systems, Inc., 4646 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

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