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American Maritime Modernization Association, Inc.

Subject: Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held on 27 April 2017.

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

Members of the American Maritime Modernization Association met at AMSEC, 5701 Cleveland Street, Suite 400, Virginia Beach, VA at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday 27 April 2017.

Members in attendance: Bart Morrison, Serco; George Bartlett, Tecnico; Mike D'Amato, Amsec; Cindy Walnetski, CLP Resources; Karen Bruer, Amee Bay; David Klinedinst, GDIT; Jim Baur, Jo-Kell; Nick Clark, GGS; Ron Verostek, Phoenix Group; Carl Spraberry, AIT; Cheryl Sawyer, Surge Force; Bob Blenner, Delphinus; Joe Yurso, QED; Don Zimbardo, VT Group; Ron Ritter, On Point; Michelle Tomaszewski;

Phone: None

Guests/Visitors in attendance: Congressman Randy Forbes.

Congressman Randy Forbes was the guest speaker. He had recently spoken at the work college and provided testimony at the Senate Foreign Relations committee. Mr. Forbes explained that the practice of relying on continuing resolutions is undermining long-term strategies to stay ahead of the very real threats to our ability to keep maritime lanes open, secure, and safe. In addition a strong Navy and military force is critical to our leverage in negotiations with other countries. This is especially pertinent to our relationship with China, and the American public needs to be aware of our vulnerabilities in ensuring we retain our position as the lead in world order. This requires cross pollination of planning and solutions in three areas. First is ensuring a prioritize strategy that includes all agencies across government. Secondly the relationship between the Pentagon and Congress needs to be more of a partnership and less contentious. Finally a bipartisan environment is central to ensuring the strategy can be executed over a long term. Continuing resolutions do not support long-term planning, it undermines the stability of our workforce and fiscal investments, and it places the United States in less solid footing against foreign forces.

Congressman Forbes went on to explain how any solution to this dilemma must include the will of the American people. Well much attention is paid to domestic policy there is a lack of understanding among the public of how our national defense capabilities impacts our ability to be safe and prosperous. In addition to having these conversations at the local level, Mr. Forbes stress the need for us to conduct presentations and forums a national defense concerns at college campuses. It is through the next generation that the American Destiny will be defined for the next 50 years unless we have long-term strategies formulated in a

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bipartisan manner America is at risk of falling behind other countries in its military strength and position in the world order.

Opening remarks: At 1:00 PM, the meeting was called to order by Carl Spraberry who welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made around the room.

- A. **Review and approval of the minutes:** Carl Spraberry asked for acceptance of the minutes. Discussions – none. The March minutes were approved as written.
- B. **Treasurer Report:** Nick Clark reported a total of \$48,075.88 and a total of \$100.00 in the Grant account. There has been no payment received for the Grant to date. The D&O invoice will be paid this month.

Action Items:

Nick to provide a list of companies that have not yet paid their 2017 Dues.

- C. **Membership Status Report:** Cindy Walnetski reported that AMMA now has 65 members, four new members applied in the month of April. She encourage members to let other companies know about the advantages of membership and send her information on any interested cap companies so she could follow up with them.

Action Item:

Have a member company give their company capabilities at the next meeting.

- D. **Association Website Report (<http://www.ammainc.org>):** Cheryl Sawyer reported that the McDonnell Group has rebuilt the website and will be ready to go live next month. Website creation is at no cost to AMMA, there will be some fee for hosting.
- E. **Quality Assurance Committee:** Don Zimbardo reported that the Quality Assurance committee is currently working on the connector audit updates. Additionally they conducted a lead auditor seminar and most of the audits for this year have been completed.
- F. **Safety/Training Committee:** Don Zimbardo provided a recap of Wally Finn's Safety Committee report. The report included an update on AMMA representation at the upcoming SSRAC. The last safety committee meeting included training on crane safety.
- G. **Events:** The Intelligent Ships Symposium is scheduled for May 23 to May 25 in Philadelphia. Bob Blenner is the point of contact for the booth space at this event and volunteers are still needed to fill the watch bill. Members who will be at this event are encouraged to sign up.

Action Items: Bob Blenner to provide updates for 2017 events. Bob also needs a current AMMA member list to update the AMMA panel.

2017 Events

Item	Date	Sponsor	Event	Location	Exhibit Price	Notes
A	10 - 12 January 2017	Surface Navy Association	29 th National Surface Association Symposium	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	-	Exhibited in 2011
B	14 – 16 February 2017	ASNE	Technology, Systems & Ships (formerly ASNE Day)	Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA	ASNE provided Complimentary Booths since 2012	Exhibited
C	25 - 26 April 2017	ASNE	Mission Engineering and Analysis / "Capitol Hill Perspective of 355 Ship Navy Pitch and Budget Topline"	Day 1 - University of Mary Washington, Dahlgren Campus - UNCLASSIFIED / Day 2 - Aegis BMD Facility, Dahlgren, VA - CLASSIFIED	No Exhibits	See ASNE web-site
D	17 - 18 May 2017	AFCEA	2017 DONCIO EAST Maritime Mission Summit "Excellence Innovation"	Hilton Norfolk The Main 100 Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510	No Exhibits	Warfare, Cyber, Training, Innovation
E	24 -25 May 2017	ASNE/ NSWCPD	2017 Intelligent Ship Symposium XII "Smart Ships–Smart Processes"	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	\$2,595.00	Registration complete (Booth #6)
	'Member Companies Exhibiting	AIT (Booth #23); Amee Bay (11); Delphinus (7/8); Epsilon (#18); GDIT (29); L-3 Comm (19); Q (13); The GBS Group (22); Thermcor (B); Valkyrie (10)				
F	13 - 15 June 2017	AFCEA	AFCEA Defensive Cyber Operations Symposium	Baltimore Convention Center	-	-
G	20 - 22 June 2017	ASNE	Mega Rust 2017: U.S. Navy Corrosion Conference	Newport News Marriott at City Center	Complimentary booth in 2015	Exhibited in 2015

H	No dates	AFCEA / NDIA	Joint Warfare Symposium	-	No information available	See D above
I	20 -21 July 2017	ASNE/ONR	2017 Naval Future Force Science and Technology Expo	Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC	Non-Profit Rate - \$2,450	-
J	14 -16 August 2017	ASNE	Fleet Maintenance & Modernization Symposium (FMMS)	San Diego, CA	TBD	Registration in-process
K	6 - 7 September 2017	AFCEA	Intelligence & National Security Summit 2017	Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, D.C	-	-
L	TBD	ASNE	Multi-Agency Craft Conference (MACC) 2017 & Launch and Recovery Symposium 2017	Washington DC/Baltimore/Annapolis Metro Area	No information available	
M	30 Nov – 2 Dec 2017	Commercial	International Workboat Show 2017	Ernest N. Morial Convention Center New Orleans, LA	-	-

H. Chairman Industry Update: AMMA Chairman, Joe Yurso gave a presentation on principles of teamwork as written by John Newton the coach of blank and his Pyramid of Success. He completed his presentation by explaining the way correspondence sent to Congress is filtered. If a letter is sent to a Congressman and the ZIP Code of the sender does not match that Congressman's district, it is forwarded to the appropriate congressional district representative. If AMMA members wish to communicate to representatives outside of their district is recommended they call those offices to relay their position. Alternatively, they may visit the local offices of the representative they are interested in leaving a message for.

Action Items:

I. Topics for Discussion (Old Business)

- **Joint CNRMC Industry Call – None**
- **Topics for Discussion (New)**

- **Annual Dinner** – Cheryl Sawyer reported the dinner will be held on May 10th at 5:45 pm at Founders Inn. There are still sponsorship opportunities available and members companies are encouraged to obtain a lot of participation from their organizations.

Next Regular Meeting: President, Carl Spraberry thanked Mr. Forbes for his presentation and candid commentary on the situation we face in ensuring our naval strength around the world. The meeting was dismissed with a reminder that there will be no regular meeting for MAY due to the annual dinner being held on the 10th. The next general membership meeting is June 22, the scheduled speaker is Senator Bill DeSteph and the location has not been determined yet.

Adjourn: 2:16 p.m.
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