

COM.IT.ES. August Monthly Meeting– Monday 1st August 6:15pm

Com.It.Es SA – 262a Carrington St Adelaide

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & apologies

- Present: Mark Quaglia, Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi, Angelo Fantasia, Angela Scarino, Michael Donato, Martina Matta, Antonio Rosato.
- Apologies: Alessandro Vecchiarelli, Alessandro Ragazzo, Andrea Ramon, Tony Piccolo, Marinella Marmo (Maternity Leave).
- Consular Rep: Absent.

2. Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

4. Confirmation of April Minutes

Christian Verdicchio moved, seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

None.

5. Reports

5.1.1 President's – Mark Quaglia

- Attended to: Mask Ball, CIC fundraising; Montevergine lunch.
- Sent letters as part of the Community Engagement sub-committee to: Patronati, meeting held on 18 July; Italian associations, S. Giorgio Club, Veneto Club and PISA.

- Priority has been given to action a plan between now and the end of November/beginning of December with a schedule of meetings every 3 weeks.
- Budget for 2017 ('preventivo') to be prepared. Mark Quaglia will check with Antonio Accorso regarding the due date, a letter from him mentioned that it needs to be submitted by the 31 October but in the past the budget was presented by 30 September.
- From November to start preparing the income and expenditures for the current year ('consuntivo') and monitor expenditures.

5.1.2 Secretary's – Christian Verdicchio

Correspondence in tabled

- Email from Antonio Accorso regarding a cultural event to commemorate the Marcinelle tragedy.
- New email info@sacomites.org.au is now operational.

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Gianna Vorrasi

- Submitted and Tabled
 - Current closing bank statement \$13,858.63
 - Received refund \$786 from Winson Wang Website
- Payments
 - \$340.25 for the banner
 - \$75 invoice from Marylisa Fabian
 - \$102.48 QBE insurance

A quarterly income and expenditure will be presented on a quarterly basis.

Michael Donato moved all reports to be accepted, seconded Angelo Fantasia, all in favour.

6. Sub-Committees Reports

6.1.1 Communications and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

▪ Website:

- Showcased the website. There are still a few changes that need to be made.
- Mark Quaglia to forward the President message.
- Italian translation very important.
- Uploads and updates will be done by Antonio Rosato, Martina Matta and Christian Verdicchio. The contractor also can be available.
- Launch of the website and Aperitivo event potentially September. TBC

Michael Donato moves motion to accept the report, seconded Gianna Vorrasi and carried. The sub-committee is thanked for all the work done.

6.1.2 Community Engagement – Michael Donato

- Michael Donato acknowledged the sub-committee for most of the work done while on leave. A calendar for the next meetings with the Associations and clubs was sent by the President.
- Com.It.Es. met with the Molinara Club's President and a committee member.
- Also met with the Patronati, Mark Quaglia summarised the meeting. Vittorio Petriconi, President of Com.It.Es. WA and also a director of the Patronato INCA in WA, attended the meeting. The Patronati will draw up a document with the support of Com.It.Es., outlining any concerns regarding the social security and welfare sector and it will be a point of discussion with the other Com.It.Es.
- Next association meeting will be with S. Giorgio Community Centre Monday 8 August.
- Regional visit. It is suggested for this year to visit Mt. Gambier instead of Port Pirie, as it would be easier to organise.

Christian Verdicchio moves motion to accept the report, seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

6.1.3 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

- Has been away and unable to put together a committee and set up projects.
Needs to find the best way to work as it is difficult to organise and convene meetings because of work commitments.
- Met with ARIA to discuss a possible collaboration for a research on Language & Culture. To be considered as a longer term project but also what resources could be available from both Italian & Australian governments.
- Establish a register of Italian academics experts in the field of technology, science, research, community. Idea to be discussed with ARIA to collaborate to this project. The project will be useful for both ARIA and Com.It.Es.

Action: Angela will discuss with ARIA for a possible collaboration on this project.

- Conference in November. To be discussed with the Italian Consul once she returns from her leave. She will also discuss professional development for teachers and will suggest having Prof. Lucilla Lopriore attending, depending on availability. Professional development is important for the bilingual teachers and will follow up with the Consul.

Action: Angela Scarino to find out the date of the conference in November.

- Reported about correspondence received from Prof. Franco Papandrea, CGIE, with minutes attached of the 'Assemblea Plenaria' meeting. It would have been more useful if a summarized version was sent. The minutes reported about a 2.6 million Euro reinstated to support the Italian Language & Culture, but it doesn't specify whether it is allocated only to the 'Enti Gestori' or if other institutions are included.

Points that need to be clarified: what is the criteria; what is the process to access the funding; which financial year; allocation of funding to South Australia; funding for teachers, for courses or both.

Action: Angela Scarino will draft a letter to be sent to Hon. Fedi seeking information about the above.

- Italians Down Under conference. She has been invited to attend. Mark Quaglia will also attend as Com.It.Es. President, and Christian as part of the Ambassadors National Working Party.. It will have the same format as 2 years ago.

Discussion follows about allocating a budget for Education and Research and the possibility to use the extra funding available ('integrativo') to fund experts from Italy to Australia. Mark Quaglia cautioned about using funds to what is admissible.

Action: Christian Verdicchio to clarify criteria for the use of the 'integrativo' for Com.It.Es. projects.

Correspondence from Franco Papandrea (25 July) regarding a draft of his proposal on Com.It.Es. and CGIE reform. Mark Quaglia reported that Francesco Pascalis, Com.It.Es. VIC and coordinator of the 'Comitato dei Presidenti Com.It.Es.', suggested supporting his proposal but it was objected by Com.It.Es. WA who had already replied directly to the CGIE General Secretary as requested in the email. Com.It.Es. WA also complained in the email that Pascalis should have, as coordinator, consulted with all Com.It.Es. The deadline was 31 July.

Gianna Vorrasi reported about a previous email from Franco Papandrea (19 June) inviting CGIE, Com.It.Es. and Italian associations to have a consultation about the nature and role of Com.It.Es. and CGIE, and this was not discussed at any meetings. Mark Quaglia apologised for not having given enough time to the issue but at that time it wasn't a priority.

Michael Donato moves motion to accept the report, seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

7. Consular Report

- Not Present.

8. Other business

- Gianna Vorrasi suggested for the next SALA exhibition to showcase Italian artists. Venue can be discussed.

Action: Gianna Vorrasi will seek preliminary information.

9. 2017 Preventivo Planning

Received email that the 'preventivo' must be presented by 31 October. Mark to check with Antonio Accorso for the correct due date as it used to be 30 September. The application for the 2017 funding must be more realistic, as Com.It.Es. will be receiving more or less the same. Expenses to consider: rent, website maintenance, insurance, secretarial, 1 regional visit and 2 achievable projects.

10. Meeting Close 8.15pm

Signed by:



Mark Quaglia
President



Christian Verdicchio
Vice President & Secretary