

COM.IT.ES. December Monthly Meeting– Monday 5th December 2016 7:00pm

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

MINUTES:

1. **Welcome & apologies**

- Present: Mark Quaglia, Christian Verdicchio, Tony Piccolo, Andrea Ramon, Michael Donato, Alessandro Ragazzo, Antonio Rosato.
- Apologies: Angela Scarino, Gianna Vorrasi, Angelo Fantasia, Alessandro Vecchiarelli, Martina Matta, Marinella Marmo (Maternity Leave).
- Consular Rep: none

2. **Conflict of Interest**

Christian Verdicchio and Michael Donato regarding rent renewal.

3. **Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

4. **Confirmation of November Minutes**

Christian Verdicchio moved, seconded Antonio Rosato and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

‘Consuntivo’ 2016. Started preparing documentation for the ‘consuntivo’ together with Gianna Vorrasi and Marylisa Fabian and monitoring 2016 expenditures.

5. **Reports**

5.1.1 President’s – Mark Quaglia

Refer to report sent via email.

5.1.2 Secretary's – Christian Verdicchio

Correspondence in

- Franco Papandrea – CGIE report conference in Johannesburg 25-27 November 2016
- Marco Fedi – Forum at the Marche Club, 'Si' Campaign
- Franco Papandrea – ICCA National Proposal
- Italo Australian Club Mt. Gambier – Confirmation of visit
- AIAPE Mt. Gambier – Confirmation of visit
- Co.As.It. – Unavailability of meeting in December

Correspondence sent

- Italo Australian Club Mt. Gambier and AIAPE – letter to meet
- Co.As.It. – letter to meet December meeting

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Christian Verdicchio (Gianna Vorrasi absent)

Payments:

- November invoice from Marylisa Fabian, exceed by 2 hours the agreed monthly working hours.

Christian Verdicchio moved to approve the payment of the extra hours to Marylisa Fabian, seconded by Michael Donato, motion carried.

- Marylisa Fabian's December invoice to be paid once submitted.

Christian Verdicchio moved to approve payment for December, seconded by Alessandro Ragazzo, motion carried.

- Invoice Matteo Farina for the preparation of a Database of Italian Scientific and Research Expertise project for \$2,000.00.

- Received invoice from SAIA for rent from 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017 for \$16,444.80, quota for Com.It.Es. \$4,111.20. Electricity will be paid separately and quarterly.

Tony Piccolo moved to approve to accept the conditions for the rent renewal and electricity, seconded to by Andrea Ramon, 5 in favour, 2 abstained, motion carried.

- Electricity bill for 2016 will be circulated and approved via email once received by SAIA in the coming days.

Michael Donato moved all reports to be accepted, seconded Alessandro Ragazzo all in favour.

6. Sub-Committees Reports

6.1.1 Communications and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

None.

6.1.2 Community Engagement

- Visit to Mt. Gambier (5 December) went well. The community of Mt. Gambier was pleased about the visit as they hadn't had any for about 15 years.

Action: Mark Quaglia will prepare a report and will be presented to the next meeting.

6.1.3 Education and Research – Christian Verdicchio (Angela Scarino absent).

- Database of Italian Scientific and Research Expertise project, Angela Scarino is finalising the project with ARIA's President.
- Christian Verdicchio informed that at the Italian Down Under conference the Scientific Attaché in Canberra praised Com.It.Es. for the project. The research conducted registered 600 Italo-Australian people with scientific and research qualification, while the Embassy's records shows only 250. The Scientific office at the Italian Embassy has not been able to conduct any updates due to lack of funding.
- Once the project is finalised it will be shared with the other Com.It.Es.

- o Mark Quaglia added that also at the Intercomites meeting was mentioned the need to promote Research and Innovation as crucial element for economic growth.

7. Consular Report

Not present.

8. Other business

- MOU Office Disaster and Recovery – Christian Verdicchio proposed to have a jointly MOU with Co.As.It. as they would be able to provide assistance through their network.

Christian Verdicchio moved to include Co.As.It. in the MOU, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

- Intercomites Adelaide in March/April 2017.
- Discussed whether to consider electing another cooptee and procedures to do so.

As the year is coming to a conclusion all agreed that it has been an overall positive year after a not so great 1st year but learnt a lot. Proud of what has been accomplished so far, the website, connecting with the associations and working closer together. Looking forward to do more, like approaching the local community, promoting the 'made in Italy', Education and science, etc.

9. Meeting Close 8.00 pm

Signed by:



Mark Quaglia
President



Christian Verdicchio
Vice President & Secretary