

COM.IT.ES February Monthly Meeting – Monday 1st February 6:15pm  
Com.It.Es SA – 262a Carrington St Adelaide

**1. Welcome & apologies - 6:25 meeting start**

- Present: Mark Quaglia, Christian Verdicchio, Martina Matta, Alessandro Ragazzo, Angela Scarino, Marinella Marmo, Angelo Fantasia, Mario Romaldi, Michael Donato (arrived 6:30pm).
- Apologies: Andrea Ramon, Alessandro Vecchiarelli, Tony Piccolo, Gianna Vorrasi, Antonio Rosato
- No consular rep present.

**2. Conflict of Interest**

None

**3. Confirmation of the agenda**

None

**4. Confirmation of December Minutes**

- Business arising
  - Marinella raises that the meetings are public documents and that need to be written and recorded in a clear and concise matter from one meeting to the next.
  - December minutes Pt.5.1.1 appointment of Executive Position needs to be clarified to follow on from November minutes.
  - Marinella raises issue that the minutes need to be posted at the consulate. Christian Verdicchio (Secretary) to follow up with the consulate to ensure monthly minutes are posted.
  - Martina Moves, Seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

## 5. Appointment of Treasurer

- The committee discussed the need to appoint a treasurer.
- The committee resolved that the secretary should seek clarification from the Consulate/CGIE regarding the law and procedures in relation to whether we can or cannot co-opt a person onto Com.It.Es to take the position of treasurer.

## 6. Reports

- President's – Mark Quaglia
- Verbal report given;
  - Inter-Com.It.Es meeting in March
    - Possible submission of Com.It.Es SA to put together a state/national project for assisting new arrivals similar to the QLD project of 'Prima Fermata' but more detailed.
    - If accepted by committee and presented to Inter Com.It.Es could have the potential to push for more funding from Italy as it is a nationwide project.
    - Angela Scarino raises to seek clarification of the exact details of the intended project and whether this project needs to be the most important project to put forward compared to other potential ideas.
    - Discussion about putting forward proposal for further improving the 'Prima Fermata' concept but on a national coordinated basis possibly through a booklet or again through the website.
    - *ACTION: Mark Quaglia to put together proposal and submit at next meeting for discussion before submission to Inter-Com.it.es if approved.*

- 2016 Budget
  - Budget completed over Christmas period and had to attend the consulate to finalise documents. All has been lodged.
  - Marinella raises concerns about budget and when do Com.It.Es SA receive funds and how much.
  - *ACTION: Mark and Christian to find more information relating to disbursement of funds and when. To return to next meeting.*
- Public Relations Subcommittee
  - Thanks for all hard work over Christmas and New Year period to organise event and send off invites.
- Secretary's – Christian Verdicchio
  - Submitted and Tabled
  - Secretariat Proposal tabled
    - General acceptance of proposal.
    - Motion moved by Christian Verdicchio to accept proposal tabled, seconded Michael Donato and accepted by all and carried.
    - *ACTION: Angela Scarino and Marinella Marmo to put forward names to Mark Quaglia and Christian Verdicchio to potentially fill position.*
- Treasurer's – Christian Verdicchio (acting)
  - Submitted and tabled January Bank Statement and report.
  - Paid Rental and awaiting Co.As.It to pay their share.
  - Co.As.It and Dante will have to be invoiced for rental for their account records.
- Michael Donato moves that all three reports be accepted, Seconded Angela and carried.

## 7. Office Update – Christian Verdicchio

- Summary and Tabling of paid invoices
- All sub-committee chairs to have access to using online booking system to book for the board room.

\*Mario Romaldi leaves meeting 7:30pm.

## 8. Sub-Committees Reports

- Communications and Public Relations (Christian Verdicchio)
  - SAHMRI Tour Friday 5<sup>th</sup>
    - PR Sub-committee has organised for Thomas Masullo Woods Bagot Director to showcase his award-winning building and promote Italo-Australians impact in SA.
    - Roberta Ronzitti Consul and Ambassador to attend tour in conjunction with ARIA representative and Com.It.Es member.
  - Website Update – Martina Matta
    - Submitted Website skeleton plans and summarises progress thus far registering domain name.
    - Anticipates April to be completed.
    - *ACTION: Martina to be added as facebook admin to assist with website.*
  - Consul Welcome Event – Christian Verdicchio
    - Submitted and tabled report summarising the planning of the event.
    - Moves to accept \$242.29 for Snap Printing Invites and Envelopes for postage of invited. Seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.
      - \$132.00 Snap Printing invoice tabled
      - \$110.29 Australia post receipt tabled re-imburement to Christian Verdicchio.

\*Marinella Marmo leaves meeting 8pm.

- Memorandum of Understanding (Mark Quaglia)
  - Mark Quaglia liaising with group already.
- Community Engagement (Mark Quaglia)
  - Mark Quaglia to organise meeting with sub-committee to initiate projects.
- Education and Research (Angela Scarino)
  - Angela Scarino to organise meeting with sub-committee to initiate projects.
  
- Martina Matta raises that she wishes that we start to sit-down and get some of these projects up and running finally.
- Mark Quaglia clarifies that many projects that require minimal money to initiate and therefore can achieve these projects.

**9. Secretariat Proposal (accepted and moved under secretary's report)**



**Com.It.Es South Australia  
(Committee for Italians Abroad)**

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**10. Other business**

None

**Meeting Close 8:15pm**

**Next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 6:15pm at Com.It.Es office.**

Signed by:

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Mark Quaglia - President

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Christian Verdicchio - Vice President & Secretary