

MEETING MINUTES

Monday 12 October 2015

6:33pm at Italian Consulate of Adelaide, Payneham Road, Payneham

Present: Quaglia, Vorrasi, Scarino, Marmo, Donato, Rosato, Ragazzo, and Ms Corbino (Acting Consul)

1. Welcome & apologies

Apologies received: Verdicchio, Dottore, Vecchiarelli, Piccolo, Fantasia, Romaldi, Matta, and Ramon.

2. Conflict of interest

Nil.

3. Confirmation of previous minutes (7 September 2015)

Minutes not available, deferred to the next meeting.

4. President's report (see attachment 1)

Report tabled.

Motion to accept the report:

Moved by Marmo, seconded by Donato. Carried.

5. Secretary's report

Secretary absent, no report received.

6. Treasurer's report (see attachment 2)

Report tabled.

Motion to accept the report:

Moved by Donato, seconded by Marmo. Carried.

7. Consular report

The *Bilancio Preventivo* has been endorsed by the Acting Consul. Miss Giovanelli (from the Consulate) will provide further documentation, would have done so already if not for an internet outage. New Consul General arriving on January 4 2016.

8. Strategic planning day

a. *Vision/Mission/Values statements proposals*

Motion 1:

*“Com.It.Es. Adelaide adopt the following as its **Vision** statement:*

A high achieving committee that understands, respects and values the vibrant and diverse Italian Communities of South Australia, recognises and represents their needs, and inspires future generations to maintain and develop strong affiliations with the Italian language and culture.”

Moved by Scarino, seconded by Donato. Carried.

Motion 2:

*“Com.It.Es. Adelaide adopt the following as its **Mission** statement:*

- *We are an elected body, enacted by the Italian Government to represent the needs, desires, hopes, and aspirations of the diverse Italian communities in South Australia and advise the Italian Government authorities and relevant stakeholders on ways of responding to these needs;*
- *We put forward perspectives, proposals and initiatives which are intended to benefit local Italians and Italian Communities in areas that include social, cultural, welfare, education, recreation, sport and leisure;*
- *We work in partnership with the Consular Authorities, Governments, Organisations and Associations to advocate, advise and facilitate on the needs, hopes and aspirations of the Italian Communities;*
- *We do the above through consultation, and research to extend our understanding.”*

Moved by Ragazzo, seconded by Marmo. Carried.

Motion 3:

“Com.It.Es. Adelaide adopt the following as its Values statement:

- *People as our focus*
- *Respect*
- *Consultation, collaboration, and responsiveness*
- *Embracing diversity, innovation, and contemporariness*
- *Accountability, transparency, and integrity*

Moved by Vorrasi, seconded by Ragazzo. Carried.

Motion 4:

“Com.It.Es. Adelaide adopt the following as its one line

Purpose:

Facilitating and enabling Services to meet the needs of Italian Communities Living Abroad”

Moved by Donato, seconded by Vorrasi. Carried.

Motion 5:

“Com.It.Es. Adelaide recognise the following as its Stakeholders:

- *Diverse Italian communities;*
- *Italian Organisations and Associations*
- *Italian Government through the Italian Consulate of Adelaide and the Italian Embassy in Canberra;*
- *General Council of Italians Abroad (CGIE); and*
- *Local, state and federal governments of Australia.”*

Moved by Scarino, seconded by Rosato. Carried.

Resolved to translate the above Vision/Mission/Values statements into Italian for publishing on the website and Facebook page.

b. Establishment of subcommittees proposal

Resolved to refer the proposal to establish subcommittees back to the working group for further development. The improved proposal will be resubmitted for consideration at the next meeting.

9. Website

Verbal report received from Rosato.

10. Community Welfare Liaison report

Verbal report received from Vorrasi – meeting has been scheduled with Co.As.It. to determine which needs are currently not being met for Italian community welfare recipients. Com.It.Es will facilitate the development of projects to ensure gaps in services are filled.

11. New premises update

The president gave a verbal report to the committee about the proposal to rent an area of space at the South Australia Italian Association (SAIA) in Carrington Street Adelaide.

He stated that he, together with Christian Verdicchio and Mario Romaldi (who had been charged by the committee at the September meeting to look into such a possibility) had spoken to the President of SAIA Mr Charlie Zollo about:

- (1) renting such an area from SAIA, and:
- (2) the quantum rental payment SAIA would want for that area.

The president of SAIA had stated to Mark Quaglia that his committee had proposed a quantum figure of \$16,000 per annum which included all outgoings. Outgoings included water/rates/electricity/ costs for maintenance of the toilet facilities.

Mark Quaglia stated that this was substantially lower than the current commercial property rate for such a premises in such a prestigious location in the centre of Adelaide.

That rental offer would be subject to formal approval by the SAIA committee.

Discussions with Dante Alighieri and COASIT

To make the renting of the SAIA premises more affordable, Mark Quaglia initiated discussions with the President of the Dante Alighieri Society and the President of COASIT, to see if their organisations would be interested in sharing the "area" in question, and if so, that they would enter into a rental agreement with Com.It.Es as sub lessees.

Such an agreement would mean that rental costs and outgoings costs would be shared.

Com.It.Es, the Dante Alighieri Society and COASIT discussed and agreed that the proposal which would be submitted to SAIA would stipulate that the rental area would be divided into three separate offices, and, a boardroom which would be shared by all three parties. To do so - SAIA will be need to undertake a Fit-out of the area in accordance with the needs of the three parties, and SAIA would have to pay for the Fit-out.

As COASIT required substantially more space and use of the proposed premises, the three parties agreed that the total quantum of rent which included outgoings would be divided in such a way;

Com.It.Es paying 25% of the total quantum of rent (which includes outgoings);

Dante Alighieri Society paying 25% of the total quantum of rent (which includes outgoings), and;

COASIT paying 50% of the total quantum of rent (which includes outgoings)

Summary of the rental costings

- Com.It.Es will be the Lessee with SAIA (the Lessor). Dante Alighieri Society and COASIT will sub-lessees to Com.It.Es.
- Initial rental period of 2 years with a + 3 year option beginning on the 1st of January 2016.
- Rental for Year 1 & 2 to be \$4000 per annum for Com.It.Es and Dante Alighieri Society and \$8000 per annum for COASIT. The above stated rent includes all outgoings.
- The + 3 year rental option will be subject to a review based on CPI.

Agreement by the Presidents of the Dante Alighieri Society and COASIT
The presidents of the Dante Alighieri Society and COASIT both agreed in a written communication to Mark Quaglia to the terms as discussed above and these were to be submitted to SAIA for their formal approval.

All Com.It.Es members present at the meeting agreed to the proposal that had been submitted to SAIA, and conveyed their support for such an

initiative as the potential outcome would see a very viable rental cost, in a quality premises - in a central location.

Mark Quaglia explained – that moving forward from here, all that was left to complete (if SAIA was to accept the “proposal”), was the execution of the relevant documentation, being the formal Lease (from SAIA (Lessor) to Com.It.Es (Lessee)) and Sub-leases (from Com.It.Es (Lessee) to Dante and COASIT (Sub-lessees)).

All such documents will be presented at a future Com.It.Es meeting - as soon as they are finalised.

12. CGIE Canberra trip report

Verbal report received by Quaglia.

13. Acting Consul farewell function

Piccolo has approached Minister Bettison to host a farewell event for the Acting Consul Borgia at Parliament House. A favourable response to the request is anticipated soon. Com.It.es has expressed its desire (the the government authority) that it would like to assist in the compiling of a guest list – however, this will be up to the government (Minister Bettison) as it has taken charge of the Event.

Resolved also to organise in addition to the Parliament House event, a farewell dinner for Borgia (and her husband) with just the Com.It.Es. committee. This could be organised in December as part of our Christmas “Com.It.Es Committee” dinner.

14. Other business

Quaglia thanked all those who assisted the Salafia family.

15. Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 8:08pm.

16. Next meeting

Next meeting Monday 2 November, 6:00pm at the Italian Consulate of Adelaide.

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Mark Quaglia – President

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Michael Donato – Co-opted Member (Acting Secretary)