

COM.IT.ES. October Monthly Meeting– Monday 10th October 6:15pm

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

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & apologies

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

The President welcomed the Consul and Ms Kelley Russo (PISA)

2. Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

4. Confirmation of September Minutes

Gianna Vorrasi moved, seconded Angelo Fantasia and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

Budget for 2017 submitted to the Consul but needs clarification. Mark Quaglia and Gianna Vorrasi will meet with the Consul Friday 14 October at 2pm at the Italian Consulate.

5. Reports

5.1.1 President's – Mark Quaglia

Report sent via email. Main points, the conference Italians Down Under. South Australia was heavily involved with all three groups and provided great inputs. Complimented Prof. Luciana D'Arcangeli for her contribution; Hon Tony Piccolo and Christian Verdicchio for their hard work towards the proposal of a national representative body.

5.1.1.1 With a few meetings to go before the end to the year invited all to make an effort to attend to the meetings.

5.1.1.2 Earthquake Appeal 21 October at the Marche Club, need to confirm how many from Com.It.Es. will be attending. Alessandro Vecchiarelli unable to attend.

5.1.2 Secretary's – Christian Verdicchio

Correspondence tabled

- San Giorgio Club Committee update
- Marche Club Earthquake Dinner Press Release
- Montevergine invite Mark Quaglia
- CGIE Segreteria
 - Referendum Informativa
 - Intervento SG Italiani del Mondo
- CGIE Matteo Prebianca
 - Movimento 5 Stelle Referendum Info Proposal (more about it later)
- Italian Consulate
 - Letter re Preventivo 2017 documents required
 - M. Donato verification criteria coopted
 - Emails about Com.It.Es. legislation from Consul
- Intercomites – Notice of Meeting from Embassy

- Georgina Goodrich DCSI – update of information about project that was agreed with previous Com.It.Es. (Christian to meet with her sometime soon as meeting postponed)
- Email from Stuart Paleack about accessing Italian movies – Thanked Alessandro Vecchiarelli who assisted with the request

Correspondence sent

- PISA – invite for meeting
- Co.As.It. – invite for meeting (need to move to December Com.It.Es. meeting)

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Gianna Vorrasi

- Submitted and Tabled Quarterly report July/September 2016
 - Admin funding cap. 3103 current availability \$11,031.75
 - Presidente travels cap. 3106 current availability \$1,083.67. Not yet paid reimbursement for Intercomites trip to Canberra
- Payments
 - August invoice from Marylisa Fabian, exceed by 1 hour the agreed monthly working hours.

Vorrasi moved to approve the payment of the extra hour to Marylisa Fabian, seconded Angelo Fantasia, motion carried.

- Martina requested a reimbursement of \$199.40 for invoices paid on behalf of Com.It.Es. to Digital Pacific for web hosting. Invoices are from January to April 2016 for a total of \$119.40. The Consul advised that Martina Matta issues a Declaration Stat about the amount received as reimbursement.

Vorrasi moved to approve the payment of \$119.40 to Martina Matta, seconded Christian Verdicchio, all in favour.

Angelo Fantasia 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

- Website:
 - Website and facebook all good.
 - Martina Matta has helped with updates.
 - Translation ongoing; translation issues with Italian and English pages.
 - All should be ready by the end of October.
 - In Canberra at the Italians Down Under conference received positive reviews; Hon. Fedi, Sen. Giacobbe and Franco Papandrea complimented the website as far the best.
 - Referendum promotion. Calls from both Hon. Fedi and Mr. Preabianca to promote the referendum. The issue is quite delicate and Com.It.Es. will be impartial. Discussion followed whether to have a brief segment on both radios as for the previous referendum. Hon. Fedi and Matteo Preabianca could record their message. There will be enough information on the Italian Consulate website.
 - Alessandro Vecchiarelli pointed out that this referendum involves a lot of issues. It will be hard to explain in a short segment what the constitution is and how it works. Suggested that the community could be informed with dates and provide the website page with all the information.

Action: Christian Verdicchio to write to both Hon. Fedi and Mr. Preabianca that Com.It.Es. will be impartial.

6.1.2 Community Engagement

- Visit to Mt. Gambier. Mr. De Agostino, President of the Mt. Gambier Italo-Australian Club, and AIAPE were contacted and are happy to meet.
- Millicent club, sold last year and transferred ownership of the land back to the Council. At the moment the club is not active but would like to meet with Com.It.Es.
- Possible dates to consider: 30 October for the Mt. Gambier Italo-Australian Club fundraising event; 26 November AIAPE pensioner's lunch.
- The Consul informed that she is planning a visit for digital passport purpose, probably in January. But not confirmed. Suggested to consider postponing the visit to next year.
- The visit to Mt. Gambier was planned for the 2016 financial year.

Action: plan to finalise the visit in the next two weeks.

6.1.3 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

No report as not present.

7. Italians Down Under

Report from Mark Quaglia. South Australia presented very well its activities and programs, a reflection that the approach taken by the present committee is in the right direction. On. Micheloni was impressed with initiatives taken.

- The conference focused on three areas: trade and commerce, language and culture and the formulation of a representative national body.
- Mark Quaglia attended the trade and commerce group; Angela Scarino, with Prof. Luciana D'Arcangeli and other prominent people from the field focused on language and culture; Hon. Tony Piccolo and Christian Verdicchio on the formulation of a national body. Other people from South Australia who attended the conference were: Carlo Tropiano and Gilda Campbell (COASIT); Phillip Donato (Italian associations) and Sebastiano Galipo (business).

- The proposal of a National Council was accepted and will progress. Once finalised it will be circulated amongst the member in that working group. Once completed, by the end of the year, and approved, the Ambassador will initiate an interim committee.
- Discussion was made about not having an Italian Chamber of Commerce in South Australia. Possibility for Adelaide to have an ICCI branch.

8. Consular Report

Following the letter sent regarding the 'Preventivo' suggested that in the future to start thinking of possible projects early in the year before the deadline and encouraged to discuss them with the Consul. One of the projects did not meet the criteria set by the Ambassador.

Events:

- 17-18 November Italian Scientists conference organised by the Scientific Attaché of the Italian Embassy in Canberra Oscar Moze.
- 19 November, Conference of Italian Teachers organised by the Italian Consulate and held at Magill UniSa campus. The Ambassador and the Minister for Education and Child Development Susan Close will be attending. The conference will be open to the public but need to be registered to attend.
- Italian Cuisine Week, 21 to 27 November, event organized by the Italian Government – Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Education, University and Research – to promote abroad the gastro-cultural heritage of our country through a series of events organised by Italian Embassies and Consulates, Italian Cultural Institutes. This event will occur every year.
- Highlighted the program. Official Gala Dinner Opening on 21st at the Marche Club.
- Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Vincenzo Amendola, will visit Australia – Melbourne and Sydney.

- Referendum. Those living temporarily abroad will be able to request to their Council of residence in Italy to be listed on the electoral roll, deadline 2 November.
- Change location consulate office, will remain for another year at the current address.

9. Other business

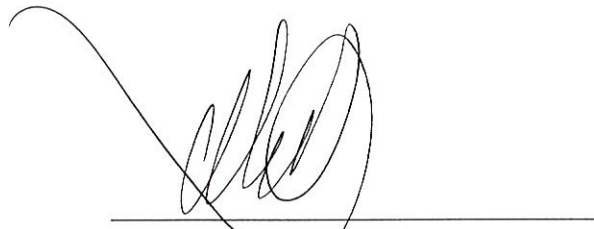
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10. Meeting Close 7.50 pm

Signed by:



Mark Quaglia
President



Christian Verdicchio
Vice President & Secretary