

COM.IT.ES. Meeting– Monday 5 November 2018 6:15pm

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

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & apologies

- Present: Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi, Michael Donato (video conference),  
Martina Matta (video conference), Mark Quaglia, Tony Piccolo, (video conference),
- Apologies: Angela Scarino, Andrea Ramon, Antonio Rosato, Alessandro Ragazzo .
- Consular Rep: Apologies from the Consul Roberta Ronzitti.

2. Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

4. Confirmation of September 2018 Minutes

Gianna Vorrasi moved, seconded Mark Quaglia and carried.

Business arising

4.1.1

None.

5. Reports

5.1.1 President's – Christian Verdicchio

President report tabled. Highlights:

1. Intercomites

- a. Primary outcome to support the work and funding for the Enti Gestori and  
Dante Alighieri in promoting and teaching Italian language & Culture.

- b. Hon. Piccolo will be invited to the next Intercomites as the Convenor of FIAP (Forum of the Italo-Australian Parliamentarians).
- c. Com.It.Es. and CGIE Reform – discussion whether to put forward opinions/suggestions on this topic. Briefly discussed the role of CGIE today which has diminished and having the elected Italian Parliamentarians who ultimately will have to follow the parties' political directives; what has CGIE achieved and what not; funding CGIE better use towards language and culture or Consulates? Discussion open to follow before Christmas.

## 2. CGIE Nominations Youth Conference

Received 2 expression of interest: Mariagrazia Panetta and Robert Salerno.

Mark Quaglia is of the opinion that Christian Verdicchio being a young member and President of Com.It.Es. should attend as he is already involved with the community. At the past youth conference, many attended but then nothing evolved.

Martina Matta agreed with the above if Christian Verdicchio is eligible to go.

Action: Christian Verdicchio will submit all nominations to CGIE.

## 3. Settimana della Cucina Italiana

22 November at 6pm at Rusco & Brusco.

## 4. MoU Welfare Update

- Awaiting an update from the Ambassador regarding future role in this.
- The Italian language course was successful with Bene and it might go with a second course.
- St. Hilarion hasn't yet agreed to it, to follow up in the new year.

## 5. Paolo Nespoli Event 18 January 2019

SAIA is hosting the event with a \$90 dinner per person. Should take place of Friday 18 January 2019, to be confirmed next week.

6. Prima Fermata

Booklets are gone. As there are still funding available it is proposed to print further 250 booklets which will cost about \$3,900 from Arte Grafica. Next year there will an updated version of the booklets once the funds are received.

Mark Quaglia moved to print 250 booklets, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi all in favour.

7. Association Meetings

Haven't been able to meet with the Campania Club; postponed to next year and then can collate data and create a report.

8. Ambassador Dr. Greg French

The meeting was very successful and great initiatives to host. About 30 guests attended and so far there has been a very good feedback. Fincantieri's missed contract was discussed but still left unanswered on what happened.

Events attended:

Marche Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Dante Alighieri and Filef Book launch – Gianna Vorrasi

Montevergine Feast

Fogolar Furlan 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mark Quaglia

Army Force Associations

5.1.2 Secretary's – Martina Matta

Correspondence in dropox.

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

Tabled and submitted bank statement as per October 2018.

Received invoice for rent.

Action: to draft the 'Consuntivo' before the end of the year.

Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept all reports, seconded by Tony Piccolo all in favour.

## 6. Sub-Committees Reports

### 6.1.1 Community Engagement and Public Relations

- Visit to Mt. Gambier is postponed to next year.

### 6.1.2 Education and Research – Angela Scarino (absent)

- Christian Verdicchio informed that the project “Being and Becoming an Italian: the perspective of youth” is progressing well.

## 7. Consular Report

None.

## 8. Proposed Meetings Dates for 2019

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup>

## 9. Other business

- Christmas celebration - Tony Piccolo proposed a get together at Parliament House on Tuesday 4 December, to be confirmed.
- Co-optee. The vacancy can be filled, Frank Salzano is still available.



Martina Matta moved to accept Frank Salerno nomination as a co-optee, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.

- Alessandro Ragazzo sent an email with his resignation to the Consul but the committee feels that he is a valuable committee member and there are not many meetings in the year to attend.

Action: Christian Verdicchio to approach Alessandro Ragazzo.

10. Meeting Close 7:30 pm

Next meeting 12 February 2019 at 6:15pm

*Signed by:*



Christian Verdicchio  
President



Martina Matta  
Vice President & Secretary