

**COM.IT.ES. Meeting—Tuesday 14 May 2019, 6:15pm**

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

MINUTES:

**1. Welcome & apologies**

- Present: Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi (video conference), Mark Quaglia, Michael Donato, Angela Scarino, Martina Matta (video conference), Antonio Rosato (video conference).
- Apologies: Alessandro Ragazzo, Andrea Ramon, Tony Piccolo, Frank Salzano.
- Consular Rep: Marco Serrangeli.

**2. Conflict of Interest**

None.

**3. Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

**4. Confirmation of February 2019 Minutes**

Mark Quaglia moved, seconded Michael Donato and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

None.

**5. Reports**

5.1.1 President's – Christian Verdicchio

President report tabled. Highlights:

- 1. Italian Liberation Day.** A good turnout. Thanked Gianna Vorrasi as MC.
- 2. Evening with MPs.** Not the best turnout however it was well received. Received invoice for the room hire, cost \$480.

*Michael Donato moved to accept to pay the invoice, Angela Scarino seconded, all in favour.*

**3. Intercomites.**

- a. Cut of funding has been discussed, all Com.It.Es. are struggling. Our representative Italian politicians are aware but being in the opposition their voice is not heard. There is speculation that the Italian Government might reduce the number of parliamentarians abroad and in Italy.

Angela Scarino raised concerns of the lack of interest and care from the Italian Government regarding language and culture abroad while other languages are growing in Australia like French, German and Chinese.

- b. Dante Alighieri Funds. Unanimous support for Dante Alighieri to get extra funds to cover shortfall and Dante did receive extra funds. Sen. Giacobbe will explore submission to Piano Paese for special funds.

- 4. SAMEAC.** Meeting in relation to changing of multicultural SA legislation. Gianna attended and report, see other business.

- 5. Office of Recovery and Emergency.** Meeting and renewal of MoU end of year. Gianna will attend.

- 6. CGIE Youth Conference.** Attended by Robert Salerno and was very happy. We hope this will aim to keep him involved in Italian community and be a future leader.

- 7. Bank account for local funds.** See treasurer report.

- 8. Bene and Aged Care Visa Assistance.** Bene has asked whether Com.It.Es. can assist. Question was raised whether Com.It.Es. could write a letter of support for possible employment of a carer from Italy.

**Invites:**

1. Scalzi Carabinieri Event (June)
2. Premier Italian Republic Cocktail (May)

5.1.2 Secretary's – Martina Matta

See correspondence in Dropbox.

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

Treasurer report tabled.

Total received funds of \$10,812.13.= on Cap. 3103 for 2019. Based on estimate calculation on basic expenses to the end of the year, there will be \$2,339.00 available for community projects.

Regarding the donation received, 'Proventi Locali', it was decided to open a second account to better manage the funds.

Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the treasurer report presented, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

Michael Donato moved to accept all reports presented, seconded by Angela Scarino, all in favour.

## 6. Sub-Committees Reports

6.1.1 Community Engagement and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

1. Local Report

- a. Club project. Presented quote from Matteo Farina for \$2,500. The scope of the project is to analysis the data collected from Com.It.Es. to have an understanding of the current and future position of these institutions in the current Australian changing society.

Angela Scarino suggested inviting Matteo Farina to the next Com.It.Es meeting in July.

*Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the quote, seconded by Angela Scarino, all in favour.*

- b. Still need to meet Campania Club. The President, Cav. John Di Fede has suggested to meet at the club.
2. Business Mapping Project – Local Funds.  
Draft proposal emailed and tabled. To be finalised at the next meeting
3. New Arrivals Seminar. Proposed September/October.
4. Radio Italiana 531am show proposal. Robert Di Ciocco has invited Com.It.Es. to do a radio segment to inform the community about its projects. Com.It.Es. could commit to 2 appearances a year. Radio Italia Uno will also be approached to do the same.

#### 6.1.2 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

- Language project update. The project is proceeding. Although not received the response expected due to teachers not taking it on and therefore students did it individually, have received beautiful interviews. The project has caught the voices of children from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation and voices of children of recently migration.

Michael Donato moved to accept all the sub-committee reports, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.

#### 7. **CGIE Youth Conference – Robert Salerno Presentation**

Robert Salerno thanked Com.It.Es. for the opportunity to take part in the Youth Conference in Palermo. 115 young people of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation from all over the world attended, and youth of recently migration. The aim of the conference is to create a network of young Italians in the world to be connected. The topics explored were interesting, work and mobility, arts, sport, representation system, tourism, language. A summary document, the Charter of the Seminary of Palermo, was prepared and presented. In Palermo they also had the opportunity to visit places,

Since the conference there have been a few video conferences.

## 8. Consular Report

The Italian Consulate will be shifting to the new office and will be closed from 27 May to 5 June. It will be possible to contact the Consulate only on the emergency number.

The Ambassador position is still vacant. The Consul will finish her mandate in December, it is not known who will be appointed. No position for the Vice Consul role.

## 9. Other business

- **Multicultural review – Gianna Vorrasi**

The SAMEAC Act has not had major review in 30 years. The South Australia Government has organised community forums seeking views to develop a new multicultural policy that reflects the state's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity. A Discussion Paper was presented and also a document regarding to multicultural legislation and policies in other jurisdictions.

The community is invited to provide feedback on the discussion paper through YourSay by 3 June 2019.

Discussion followed should Com.It.Es. make a formal submission. All agreed that it should.

Action: Gianna Vorrasi to email Christian Verdicchio with all the information to be circulated and then a meeting will be organised.

- **State Recovery Office – Gianna Vorrasi**

There will be an update of the previous MOU.

10. Meeting Close 8.30 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 6:15pm

*Signed by:*



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Dr Christian Verdicchio  
President



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Martina Matta  
Vice President & Secretary