

**COM.IT.ES. Meeting– Tuesday 10 September 2019, 6:15pm**

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

MINUTES:

**1. Welcome & apologies**

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

**2. Conflict of Interest**

None.

**3. Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

**4. Confirmation of May Minutes**

Michael Donato moved, seconded Mark Quaglia and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

None.

**5. Reports**

5.1.1 President's – Christian Verdicchio

- The Italian Community report has been finalised. Matteo Farina has submitted his invoice for \$2,500. Due to this year cuts in funds from the Italian Government, Com.It.Es. will need to apply for extra funding (integrativo) to be able to make the payment.

Discussion followed regarding the launch and the forum/presentation of the report, to be held potentially next year. Suggested topic: Future of the Italian Associations. All associations that took part of this project will be invited; could have those interviewed to give a brief presentation if happy to do so. The report will be printed and distributed. It will also be published on the website and social media.

**Action: the report needs to be reformatted, edited and printed, Michael will have a look at it. Planning to be discussed at the next meeting.**

Angela Scarino suggested for future similar projects, to contemplate recording the interviews as we would have the direct words the interviewee used and a feel of emotions, this will also help the analyst to have a better understanding. The report is a valuable piece of information for both Governments, it gives a picture of what is happening with the Italian community.

- **New Ambassador.** Francesca Tardioli is the new Ambassador. There is no information regarding a visit to Adelaide. Once it will be decided, the Consul will organise a welcome event. Bookings will be made through Eventbrite.
- **Com.It.Es. elections.** Should take place in April 2020 but no dates have been confirmed. Proposed to look at planning an evening to give information on Com.It.Es. and the elections. To discuss at the next meeting.
- **World Routes.** Emailed to the executive members regarding the forum on 21-24 September. It is the most important annual event for the aviation industry that brings together airports, airlines and tourism bureaus from all over the world. Christian Verdicchio supports the event, could have Com.It.Es' logo as a supporter and members could attend.

- **Adelaide Italian Festival.** The official launch will take place on 15 November 2019 at the Adelaide Festival Centre. A letter with a sponsor package will be sent. The interim steering committee members are: Vini Ciccarello, Ben Rillo (Chief of staff to the office of Sen. Hon. Don Farrell), Jane Rossetto (Adelaide Festival Centre), Phillip Donato (Presidente SAIA), Christian Verdicchio. The actual event will take place in November 2020.

Christian Verdicchio moved to accept the President report, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

#### 5.1.2 Secretary's – Martina Matta

Correspondence:

- invite from Madonna di Montevergine event 29 September – Christian Verdicchio to attend;
- sent congratulation letter to Angelo Fantasia on receiving the Italian honour in recognition of his service to the Italian community;
- Carabinieri Association (Roxanne Bianco President), briefly discussed issue of the fact there are 2 associations;
- BENE language course – Christian Verdicchio to follow up.

#### 5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

Treasurer report.

1. **'Integrativo' Cap. 3103.** Budget submitted and tabled. Approval for extra funds to cover expenses for the Italian Community report and for the New Arrival seminar for a total of \$3,500.00.=  
**Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the budget presented for extra funds, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.**
2. **'Preventivo' 2020.** Budget submitted and tabled. The Cap. 3106 (President's travel) consist of the Italian Embassy annual meeting in

Canberra and Intercomites 2020 held in Melbourne, quotes tabled from Flight Centre based on full economy fare. Items listed in the Cap. 3103 (administration) are all operational costs, new arrivals seminars, community conference to present the Italian Community Report and the business mapping project.

**Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the 'Preventivo' 2020, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.**

Tabled current bank statement with a closing balance of \$7,070.55.=.

Christian Verdicchio moved to accept and approve all the reports presented, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

## 6. Sub-Committees Reports

### 6.1.1 Community Engagement and Public Relations – Christian Verdicchio

- **Italian Community Report.** See President report.
- **New Arrivals Seminar.** Potentially for October/November, Mark Quaglia will email possible dates. The format will be the same as last year with a panel of experts.

Changes in the last proposed legislation was raised and briefly discussed about the impact that it will have for South Australia, whether it will have a significant and positive outcome.

Gianna Vorrasi spoke about local employment and the importance to know what are the skilled occupations requested and how the rules have made the change possible. Questioned whether the new legislation will fill the skilled occupation shortage list.

Mark Quaglia informed that DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agreements, a formal agreement between the Australian Government and a regional, state or territory authority), provides access to more overseas workers than the standard

skilled migration programs. It enables employers to sponsor skilled overseas workers for positions they are unable to fill with local workers. Discussion followed whether Com.It.Es., as a representative body, should approach the Minister for Innovation and Skills, Hon. David Pisoni.

Mark Quaglia, in his migration lawyer capacity, has drafted a letter outlining issues regarding the changes.

**Action: Mark Quaglia to forward letter for a possible submission by Com.It.Es.**

**Such letter will need the approval of the committee**

- **Settimana della Cucina Italiana.** It will take place from 18 to 24 November 2019. The Consul has asked if Com.It.Es. would like to organise an event. Suggested an Aperitivo event like last year and to be held at Madre on Thursday 21 November if available.

**Action: Christian Verdicchio and Alessandro Ragazzo to contact Ettore Bertonati.**

Mark Quaglia suggested using this event to farewell the Consul and her husband.

#### 6.1.2 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

- Language project ongoing.

7. **Consular Report**

None.

8. **Other business**

None.

9. **Meeting Close** 7.50 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 6:15pm

*Signed by:*



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Dr Christian Verdicchio  
President



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Martina Matta  
Vice President and Secretary