

COM.IT.ES. Meeting– Tuesday 12 November 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), Andrea Ramon (video conference).
- Apologies: Antonio Rosato, Tony Piccolo, Martina Matta.
- Consular Rep: Marco Serrangeli

2. **Conflict of Interest**

None.

3. **Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

4. **Confirmation of September minutes**

Mark Quaglia moved, seconded Gianna Vorrasi and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

Invoice from Matteo Farina for the Community Report has been paid and hoping to receive the 'integrativo' before the end of December to cover the expense otherwise Com.It.Es. will not be able to make any other payments; New Arrivals Seminar on hold pending confirmation of funds (integrativo).

5. **Reports**

5.1.1 President's – Christian Verdicchio

- **Italian Community report.** The presentation to the community will take place in 2020, suggested in April. The format, themes and planning will be discussed at the February meeting. It is also suggested to have the report translated in Italian.
- **Language Awards.**
  - UniSA has received \$1,000 for the language award; there will be a ceremony for the presentation and Com.It.Es. will be invited; the invitation should include Cav. Giordano Rossetto;
  - Flinders Uni has admin issues and is still waiting to finalise.
- **New Arrivals Seminar for 2020.** Due to the many changes it is suggested to change the format.
- **Settimana della Cucina Italiana.** Thursday 21 November at 5.30pm at L'Italy in North Adelaide. The event will be an opportunity to present the Consul with a gift/plaque to thank and acknowledge her posting here in South Australia – local funds will cover the expence.  
**Action: Christian Verdicchio and Michael Donato to explore for the gift.**
- **Adelaide Italian Festival Sponsorship.** Table for Com.It.Es. finalised.
- **Intercomites Canberra.** The Intercomites meeting took place in the morning; Com.It.Es. elections are planned but not dates have been confirmed probably because of lack of funding.  
Discussion with the Ambassador and Consuls regarding issues and differences in the Italian community across the States in Australia. The Ambassador encouraged maintaining a close collaboration between Consuls and Com.It.Es. to identify and work together on projects of interest. Mark Quaglia emphasised the importance of the Consul attending Com.It.Es. meetings, as well for the Com.It.Es. members to stay committed and attend.

- **Welcome event for the new Consul in January 2020.** Possibility to collaborate with SAIA as co-sponsor, local funds available. It was suggested to hold an event for the community and another with only Com.It.Es. and Consular staff. The State Government might do their own welcome event.
- **Astronaut Nespoli.** Will be back in Adelaide and is seeking financial support for the airfare. After a brief discussion it was decided that Com.It.Es. will not contribute to the airfare as Nespoli is involved with New Space Agency and could get support from them.

**Action:** Christian Verdicchio to notify.

**Action:** summary of 2019 activities to be posted on the website.

Mark Quaglia moved to accept the President report, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

5.1.2 Secretary's – acting Christian Verdicchio

Correspondence in dropbox.

Invites:

- Calabrese Federation, Don Puglisi Award event – Gianna Vorrasi to attend;
- Settimana della Cucina Italiana opening – Christian Verdicchio and Mark Quaglia to attend;

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

Treasurer report.

Question addressed to Marco Serrangeli about the application for extra funds that was submitted in September. Both the 'integrativo' and 'preventivo' have been accepted, but no dates about when the funds will be paid.

Tabled current bank statement with a closing balance of \$3,853.69.=.

Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept and approve the treasurer report, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.

## 6. Sub-Committees Reports

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

See president report.

### 6.1.2 Education and Research – Angela Scarino

Draft language report tabled.

The project was at times difficult and challenging, a lot of work have been put in. Two research tools were used, an online survey and interviews. Had to apply to the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of South Australia to ensure the ethical conduct of the pilot study. Also as teachers were unable to promote participation in this research without an approval further applications were made to both the South Australian Department and the Catholic Education Office. Prof. Enza Tudini contributed to the project.

Would like to extend the project involving children and maybe teenagers through creative stories, video recording, film, etc, although funding might be an issue.

Perhaps could see collaboration with Dante Alighieri.

Christian Verdicchio moved to thank Angela Scarino and Enza Tudini for their work and contribution, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.

Discussion followed regarding the presentation of the report whether to have it in conjunction with the Community Report or separate. UniSa could host the event.

**Action:** members to look at the report and send comments to Angela Scarino by the end of November. This will be an item for the February 2020 meeting to plan the forum. Once received all comments, the draft will be sent to Dante Alighieri and SAATI.

Michael Donato moved to accept all reports, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi.

**7. Consular Report**

None.

**8. Other business**

February 2020 meeting – approval of the ‘consuntivo’

Dates for 2020 meetings tabled:

11 February

12 May

14 July

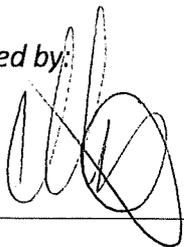
15 September

10 November

**9. Meeting Close 7.50 pm**

Next meeting Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 6:15pm

*Signed by:*



Dr Christian Verdicchio

President



Michael Donato

Executive Member