



# Com.It.Es.

Comitato degli Italiani all'Estero  
South Australia

Meeting– Tuesday 8 September 2020, 6:15pm  
262a Carrington Street - Adelaide

## MINUTES:

### 1. Welcome & apologies

- Present: Dr Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi, Mark Quaglia, Michael Donato, Assoc Prof Angela Scarino, Alessandro Ragazzo, Michael Donato, Hon Tony Piccolo (video conference).
- Apologies: Antonio Rosato, Andrea Ramon, Martina Matta (on maternity leave).
- Consular Rep: Adriano Stendardo
- CGIE Representative: Franco Papandrea apologies

### 2. Conflict of Interest

Correspondence: submission Adelaide Italian Festival sponsorship – Christian Verdicchio, Michael Donato.

### 3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

### 4. Confirmation of July 2020 minutes

Amendment: remove Michael Donato's name from the list of present, he was an apology.

Angela Scarino moved, seconded Mark Quaglia and carried.

#### 4.1.1 Business arising

Clarification was raised whether it is necessary to specify on the minutes that a member is on video conference during the meeting. There is no need to specify as they are considered present as per previous communication from the Italian Foreign Affairs Department. However it can be specify if the committee wish to.

5. Reports

5.1.1 President's – Dr Christian Verdicchio

President report tabled. Highlights:

- Extra funds for the AIRE, Community Engagement, Language and Culture projects have been received.
- AIRE Project
  - Reviewed by the Consul, copy tabled for approval to publish.
  - Discuss the acknowledgement phrase that needs to be changed to: We acknowledge that this resource was based upon work produced by Com.It.Es. Victoria & Tasmania and we thank them for allowing us to modify this content for South Australia.

*Michael Donato moved a motion to accept the amendment proposed and approval to publish, seconded by Alessandro Ragazzo, all in favour.*

- Community Engagement Report
    - Draft circulated to the committee members via email, to notify of any comments and changes. The committee to give the approval to publish via email.
  - Language and Culture Report
    - Reviewed by Angela Scarino and draft tabled. Amendment to the report regarding the title in the Italian section.
- Mark Quaglia moved a motion to accept the amendment proposed and approval to publish, seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.*
- St. Hilarion
    - Met with CEO and Chairman regarding Italian language and cultural course for Italian Aged Care Provider. The program will be revisited once the restrictions are changed in Aged Care.

- Italian Cuisine Week
    - Italian Cuisine week 23 to 29 November. Suggested to hold an 'Aperitivo' applying the same format as last year, venue L'Italy on Thursday on 26 November 2020.
    - Dr. Paula Zito to briefly talk about the importance of the Mediterranean diet.
    - Discussed the possibility to a different venue.
    - Consul confirmed the 70% of the program is confirmed, close to the last year format.
- Action: Committee members to put forward a suggestion by Tuesday morning for a different venue for the 'Aperitivo'.



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- **New Arrivals Seminar**
  - Still have about \$1,000 of last year extra funding to utilise.
  - Suggested for early November at SAIA as it has the capacity and there are no problems with distancing.
  - Mark Quaglia to contact experts; people are making enquiries about visas and there could be more changes for visa holders.
  - Gianna Vorrasi proposed to look in to addressing restrictions that impacts their visas, borders and movement, work requirement.
  - It is suggested to prepare a Q&A.
  - Discussion followed regarding whether to physically host the seminar or have a live broadcast professionally done. It is decided to adopt both options, physical and online.

*Action: Christian Verdicchio to enquire for the hall and recording; Mark Quaglia will organise the experts.*

- **Adelaide Italian Festival 2020 (13 to 22 November) and 2021**
  - Tabled proposal for sponsorship. Christian Verdicchio gave a background of the program
  - The organisation is looking for sponsorship and partnership for 2 years.
  - Com.It.Es. consideration to submit a sponsorship and Christian Verdicchio and Michael Donato leave the room at 7.35pm as per conflict of interest. The President appoints the Treasurer Mr Mark Quaglia to chair this part of the meeting.
  - Sponsorship is discussed and for how many years. It is proposed to pay \$3,000 up front for the two years and review next year for funds purpose. Local funds will be used for the sponsorship.

*Mark Quaglia moved to sponsor \$3,000.00.= up front for two years and review next year, seconded by Angela Scarino, all in favour..*

- Christian Verdicchio and Michael re-admitted to the meeting at 7.50pm and the President resumes chairing the meeting.

*Action: Christian Verdicchio to inform the Adelaide Italian Festival group.*

*Angela Scarino moved to accept the President report, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi, all in favour.*





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5.1.2 Secretary's – acting Dr Christian Verdicchio

Correspondence in dropbox.

Received Premier's response regarding the issue on payments to assist visa holders. The letter was a generic response.

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mr Mark Quaglia

- o **Preventivo 2021 submission.** Budget submitted and tabled. Com.It.Es. received the new regulation for funds application, Circolare n. 2. A new item has been added for events expenses, this was queried with the Consul whether it must be a Com.It.Es. event or can be a contribution for other's events, e.g. Adelaide Italian Festival. If the latest is confirmed the 'preventivo' will be amended for an addition of \$5,000.

**Action: Consul to investigate the matter and inform Com.It.Es. of the outcome.**

The Cap. 3106 (President's travel) consist only of the Italian Embassy annual meeting in Canberra as Intercomites 2021 will be held in Adelaide, quotes tabled from Frank Varacalli based on full economy fare. Items listed in the Cap. 3103 (administration) are all operational costs, new language project and printing reports. Regarding the rent, COASIT and Dante intend to stay however separate lease contract will be issued.

**Action: Christian Verdicchio to present new contract to discuss at next meeting.**

*Mark Quaglia moved to accept and approve the 'Preventivo' 2021 seconded by Michael Donato, all in favour.*

- o Current bank statement with a closing balance of \$13,610.30.= on Cap. 3103 that includes the 'integrativo' received and \$2,261.27.= on Cap. 3106.

*Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept and approve the Treasurer report, seconded by Angela Scarino, all in favour.*

6. Consular Report – Dott. Adriano Stendardo Italian Consul

Italian Cuisine Week: opening night to be advised.

Referendum, tracking agreement with Australia Post.

7. CGIE Report – Prof. Franco Papandrea

None.

8. Sub-Committees Reports

8.1.1 Community Engagement and Public Relations – Dr Christian Verdicchio  
See President report.

8.1.2 Education and Research – Assoc Prof Angela Scarino  
To send a copy of the updated project report to SAATI and Dante Alighieri Society.

*Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept all reports, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.*

9. Other business

None.

10. Meeting Close 8.15 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 6:15pm



Dr Christian Verdicchio  
President



Mr Mark Quaglia  
Treasurer