

COM.IT.ES. South Australia – Tuesday 13 July 2021, 6:30pm
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES:

1. Welcome & apologies

- Present: Dr. Christian Verdicchio, Martina Matta, Mark Quaglia, Gianna Vorrasi, Michael Donato, Alessandro Ragazzo.
- Apologies: A/Prof. Angela Scarino, Antonio Rosato, Hon. Tony Piccolo, Andrea Ramon.
- Consular Rep: Adriano Stendardo.
- CGIE Representative: Apologies Prof. Franco Papandrea.

2. Conflict of Interest

None.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

None.

4. Confirmation of May 2021 minutes

Mark Quaglia moved, seconded Alessandro Ragazzo and carried.

4.1.1 Business arising

All follows up done.

5. Reports

a. President's – Dr. Christian Verdicchio

Community Engagement Project. Com.It.Es. will have enough funds to finalise the project; aim of the forum is to share the information and discuss them; it is suggested to invite Matteo Farina to facilitate the forum. Discussion followed regarding whether to have a forum around late September-October or not to have it at all as much time has occurred from when the project started and finalised and furthermore:

- report has been sent to the participants and copy available online;
- since the data collection there has been changes in clubs and associations;
- what outcome we would like to have and what do we want to achieve;



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Suggestions:

- organise Com.It.Es. visit to the club interviewed to update the current situation;
- forum to be as a Q&A inviting the participants for a catch up;
- Q&A also for current COVID-19 and how has affected the clubs and associations;
- dates for August, September and October be aware of the many activities in the community in those months;
- panel should include Angela Scarino and experts in the field;
- invitation to all involved.

Action: Christian Verdicchio will draft a proposal and circulate to all members for inputs.

b. Secretary's – Martina Matta
Correspondence in dropbox.

c. Treasurer's – Avv. Mark Quaglia

'Preventivo 2022' (Due 30 September). A draft of the budget was circulated and will be finalised in September.

Concerns were raised regarding the funds received for the New Arrivals Seminar at the end of 2019 and postponed to 2020 and 2021. The seminars couldn't take place due to the COVID pandemic and there are not many current new arrivals.

It is proposed to utilise the funds for something that is still useful for the new arrivals e.g. how to help them when they are in Australia or go for a different project altogether. ARIA Association is also exploring work opportunity in South Australia for Italian researchers, scientists, professionals, etc. it could be a project in collaboration with Com.It.Es. Promotion of South Australia as a destination to come could be considered.

MAECI could consider to deduct those funds for 2022 or might allowed it to be used by the new elected Com.It.Es.

Action: Christian Verdicchio will engage with ARIA and will circulate email to Com.It.Es. members; Gianna Vorrasi to explore about promoting S.A.; Consul to seek advice from MAECI regarding the funds.

Current bank statement with a closing balance of \$11,105.50.= inclusive of \$2,422.92.= on Cap. 3106. Due to COVID-19 there have been no travel expenses.

Gianni Vorrasi moved to accept and approve all reports presented, seconded by Alessandro Ragazzo, all in favour.


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d. Consul Rep. – Adriano Stendardo

- Eftpos payments. Only 1/3 of consumers use debit card, cash is still the preferred option.
- Passport requests still very slow.
- Com.It.Es. elections. Waiting for propaganda material. Reviewing agreement with Australia Post for the mailing.
- Italian Festival and the Italian cuisine week following.

e. CGIE – Prof. Franco Papandrea

None.

6. Sub-Committees Reports

- a. Community Engagement and Public Relations – Dr. Christian Verdicchio
See President report.
- b. Education and Research – Prof. Angela Scarino
None.

7. Com.It.Es. Elections 3rd December 2021

The current Com.It.Es. would act as a caretaker until the new one is elected.
Any promotion will be in collaboration with the Italian Consulate.

8. Other business

Co.As.It. is no longer sharing the office with Com.It.Es. and Dante; there will be no change of rent.
Italian Festival. Com.It.Es. still a sponsor for 2021.

9. Meeting Close 7.30 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 6:30pm

Signed by:



Dr Christian Verdicchio
President



Martina Matta
Vice President & Secretary