

Minutes of Com.It.Es. Meeting

Tuesday 09 May 2023

Held at 262a Carrington Street, Adelaide, and via Teams

PRESENT: Marinella Marmo, Andrea Planamente, Elena Zullo, Antonio Dottore, Ilaria Pagani, Rosa Matto, Stefano Pratola, Pina D'Orazio, , Gianraffaele Moffa, Francesca Bucci, Luigi Ialenti (from 18:45), Teresa LaRocca (from 19:08); via Teams: Caterina Strangio, Mark D'Angelica.

APOLOGIES: None.

CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE: Adriano Stendardo **CGIE MEMBER:** Franco Papandrea (via Teams)

SECRETARIAL STAFF: Marylisa Fabian.

Quorum having been met, the meeting began at 18:40. Rosa Matto chairs the meeting.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None declared.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY by Caterina Strangio, in English and Italian.

RESOLVED:

1. Recording of the meeting approved.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 31 January 2023 approved Moved: Marinella Marmo. Seconded: Stefano Pratola.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2023 approved. Moved: Marinella Marmo. Seconded: Pina D'Orazio.
 - a. Matters arising: none.
 - b. Action List: delete part about language against Andrea Planamente's name.
4. President's report had been circulated and was accepted.
5. Finance report accepted.
 - a. MAECI funding to ComItEs around the world has been cut by 25%.
 - b. SAIA have sent a three-year renewal contract with a sum of \$5,500+GST for the 1st year (Dec23-Nov24)
 - c. MCCSA have deposited \$1,500 for services rendered under the Disaster Risk Reduction project; membership fees to be paid in July
 - d. **Action:** Submit *integrativo* to MAECI under cap 3103 to cover basic operational costs (eg lease, power, website, etc)
 - i. Ilaria Pagani and Marinella Marmo
6. Resignations and elections.
 - a. Ben Rillo and Lenard Sciancalepore have stepped down from the Committee.
 - i. Their potential replacement to be discussed at a later date.
 - ii. **Action:** President to write letter of thanks to the retiring Co-opted Members of ComItEs, Ben Rillo and Lenard Sciancalepore.
 - b. Replacements elected following resignations from the Executive: Andrea Planamente as Vice-President and Elena Zullo as Member of the Executive
 - i. Vice-President: Antonio Dottore nominated, seconded by Stefano Pratola; there being no other nominations and no objections, Antonio Dottore was elected Vice-President.
 - ii. Antonio Dottore replaces Andrea Planamente as bank account signatory.
 - iii. Member of the Executive: Pina D'Orazio nominated by Stefano Pratola, seconded by Teresa LaRocca; Pina D'Orazio accepted the nomination; there being no other nominations and no objections, Pina D'Orazio was elected Member of the Executive.

- c. Vote to thanks to Andrea Planamente, for his work as Vice-President, and to Elena Zullo as Member of the Executive.
7. Sub-Committees and Groups
 - a. Draft Submission to the Royal Commission into Early Childhood Education and Care approved, subject to further editing and inclusion of references. **Moved:** Andrea Planamente. **Seconded:** Gianraffaele Moffa. **Action:** Antonio Dottore to complete the submission.
 - b. **Action:** President to send letter of thanks to Enza Tudini for the UniSA event 'Italian in the workplace' held on 9 May 2023.
 - c. Vote of thanks to the MCCSA Group (Francesca Bucci, Stefano Pratola, Elena Zullo) for their work on the Disaster Risk Reduction project.
8. Vote of confidence in the President, Marinella Marmo. **Moved:** Antonio Dottore. **Seconded:** Pina D'Orazio.
9. ComItEs to promote via Facebook the *briscola* competition held at Serafino Wines ('World Briscola Championship'). **Action:** Luigi Ialenti to provide text in English and Italian for posting to Facebook.

NOTED:

- a) Consular update: no substantial matters to report.
- b) CGIE update: first meeting of the new CGIE called for 19-23 June 2023; ComItEs can suggest points for discussion.
- c) Sub-Committees and Groups:
 - **Language & Culture:** Minutes of meeting held on 19 April 2023 had been circulated and were noted; Principal of the School of Languages has retired and the President had been requested to make representations that Expertise in Multilingualism be an essential selection criterion for candidates to the position
 - **Actions:** see Resolutions above. President to make further enquiries about the search for a new Principal of the School of Languages.
 - **Health & Wellbeing:** No written report; Francesca Bucci withdraws from Co-Chair position.
 - **Action:** Rosa Matto to convene and to chair the next meeting.
 - **Communications:** Report of recent activity had been circulated and was noted; Ilaria Pagani and Francesca Bucci withdraw from the Communications portfolio; Antonio Dottore considering exploring the use of social media other than Facebook.
 - **MCCSA Group:** A report on the Disaster Risk Reduction project has been submitted to the MCCSA.
 - **Action:** Report to be tabled with ComItEs
- a) Correspondence: Discussion around email by Luigi Ialenti in response President's message of 02 April 2023, both previously circulated.
- d) **Other business.** See resolution above at item 9 about promoting *briscola* competition.

ATTACHMENTS: Updated Action List, as of 09 May 2023

Meeting closed: 21:00. Next meeting: 13 June 2023.

SIGNED:

DATE: 20/07/2023



A/Prof. Marinella Marmo
President

Dr. Antonio Dottore
Vice-President and Secretary