



**Com.It.Es.**  
Comitato degli Italiani all'Estero  
South Australia

Com.It.Es South Australia Meeting– Tuesday 10 November 2020, 6:30pm  
262a Carrington Street - Adelaide

MINUTES:

1. **Welcome & apologies**

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

2. **Conflict of Interest**

Rent SAIA – Christian Verdicchio.

3. **Confirmation of the agenda**

None.

4. **Confirmation of September 2020 minutes**

Angela Scarino moved, seconded Gianna Vorrasi and carried.

4.1.1 **Business arising**

None.

5. **Reports**

5.1.1 **President's – Dr Christian Verdicchio**

- **Ambassador S. E. Francesca Tardioli visit.** Positive feedback considering the short notice. The Ambassador has a clear direction on promoting the image of Italy and innovative initiatives. She was particular interested in Com.It.Es.'s projects. Thanked the Consul for co-hosting the event. Angela Scarino added, regarding the Italian language and culture, that the next census will be important on spoken foreign language; in South Australia it is still Italian, but will be interesting to know whether the Italian language presence will still be strong.



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- **New Arrivals Seminar (Mark Quaglia)**
  - Proposed to postpone it to March 2021 as the Australian Government will present some changes.
  - State changes to DAMA (Designated Area Migration Agreements, a formal agreement between the Australian Government and a regional, state or territory authorities implemented 18 months ago). It was thought it would get more visas as its scheme is to provide 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. Questions have been forward to the Prime Minister, more needs to be done, and there was still skills deficiency. The Government has rejigged the DAMA, changed list of skill with mention to ethnic skills but there are many vague points.
  - The use of funds from the 'integrativo' received in December 2019 was discussed as it has already being extended to 2020 but unable to organise any seminar because of COVID-19. The Consul is of the opinion that the funds should be extended to 2021 for the reasons above.
  - Gianna Vorrasi suggested opening the seminar to those who are not just arrivals.
  - Angela Scarino on the ethnic community issue, informed that currently in South Australia, Multicultural Affairs is undertaking a review of its legislation. The reform will set a foundation for new multicultural policy based on the change of the population and recognising the contribution of the diverse communities. Therefore removing Ethnic expression and enforcing the principal for Multiculturalism.
  
- **Italian Cuisine Week.**

Aperitivo organised by Com.It.Es. 26 November at L'Italy in North Adelaide. Alessandro Ragazzo MC for the evening.
  
- **Language SACE Award**

Received email confirming there is a student deserving of the Italian language Award from Com.It.Es.

Angela Scarino raised that the year 12 exams results have not yet been revealed and usually the merit ceremony takes place in February at Parliament House.

**Action: Christian Verdicchio to follow up with SACE.**

The committee also wishes to be able to present the award in person perhaps in an event, e.g. at the Italian Republic Anniversary.



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- Community and Language Reports
  - All reports concluded and discussed to have a printed version  
*Mark Quaglia moved to approve the printing of the Community Engagement Report, seconded by Angela Scarino, all in favour.*  
Discussion followed regarding a printed version of the Language and Culture project for distribution to schools, Italian and Australian authorities. To cover the cost an 'integrativo' will need to be applied. Received quote from Victoria Placentino for \$1,500.00.  
*Gianna Vorrasi moved to have a printed version of the Language and Culture report, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.*
- Office rental  
Contract expires on 30/11/2020 and SAIA will send a quote. COASIT and The Dante Alighieri will receive their own quote. All are happy to stay together and in the same site.
- Annual meeting with the Ambassador  
Meeting via zoom on 17 November 2020. Asked the Committee for any issue that would like to be discussed.
- Adelaide Italian Festival.  
Official launch VIP function at the Town hall hosted by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide on 12 November, Christian Verdicchio, Gianna Vorrasi and Mark Quaglia to attend.  
Opening Event with a Cocktail in the Vines on Friday evening, Martina Matta and Mark Quaglia to attend.  
*Angela Scarino moved to accept the President report, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.*

5.1.2 Secretary's – Martina Matta

Correspondence in dropbox.

- Martino Princi event for the Padre Puglisi award Saturday 28 November.
- Virgo Fidelis event from both Carabinieri Associations: Christian Verdicchio will attend the ceremony organised by the 'Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri d'Italia Sezione Estera South Australia (Roxanna Bianco) and Mark Quaglia will attend the one from the 'Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri Sezione di Adelaide Inc. (Scalzi).
- CGIE extra funds for Com.It.Es.





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- Received letter from Sebastiano Salafia–Federica Salafia, to thank Com.It.Es. and all those involved with Federica Salafia accident case; a copy of the letter will be sent to Marinella Marmo, SAIA, Mario Romaldi and the Romeos as they were all involved.

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

5.1.3 Treasurer's – Mark Quaglia

'Integrativo' Cap. 3103, second application. Budget submitted and tabled. Approval for extra funds to cover expenses for the printed version of the Language Report for a total of \$1,500.00.=

**Gianna Vorrasi moved to accept and approve the budget presented for extra funds, seconded by Mark Quaglia, all in favour.**

The 'Integrativo' application was given to the Italian Consul Adriano Stendardo.

Current bank statement with a closing balance of \$11,257.88.= on Cap. 3103 that includes \$2,261.27.= on Cap. 3106. Due to COVID-19 there have been no travel expenses.

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

5.1.4 Consular Report – Adriano Stendardo Italian Consul

The Consul thanked Com.It.Es. for the success of the welcome event for the Ambassador S.E. Francesca Tardioli who very much appreciated the warm welcome.

Consular activities. The number of new and renewal passports are low due to COVID-19, lots of people are postponing all applications to next year, however he recommends that this is the best time to avoid a surge of request that might be hard to manage and might cause a waiting list.

Will organise a meeting with the 'Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri d'Italia Sezione Estera South Australia (Roxanna Bianco)' to discuss Liberation Day.

5.1.5 CGIE Report – Prof. Franco Papandrea

- Plenaria meeting via Zoom.
- Additional funds for Com.It.Es. to apply as soon as possible.
- The new directive for Com.It.Es. funds (circolare n.2 – July 2020) have added new items.
- Com.It.Es. elections. Presented a reform to the Parliament 18 months ago, should be passed before the elections which is planned between June 2021 to October 2021.

  
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6. Other business

Dante Alighieri Preventivo 2021

The 'preventivo' had to be re-submitted based on the new directives (Circolare n.3.)

Franco Papandrea informed that according to the Ministry there is no need for a 'parere' from Com.It.Es. although it could be subject to interpretation of the Com.It.Es. legislation. If however the Ente Gestore as a past community interest, Com.It.Es. can give the 'parere'.

The committee deliberated and passed the approval unanimously.

*Angela Scarino moved to accept, approve and support the Dante Alighieri 'Preventivo' for 2020 for 80.000,00 Euros, seconded by Gianna Vorrasi, all in favour.*

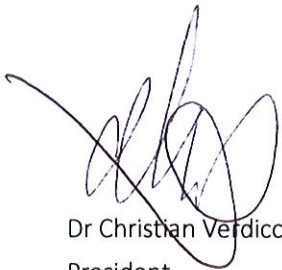
The approved 'parere' is given to the Italian Consul, Adriano Stendardo.

Meetings dates for 2021

- o 9 February
- o 11 May
- o 13 July
- o 14 September
- o 9 November

7. Meeting Close 8pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 9 February 2021 at 6:30pm



Dr Christian Verdicchio  
President



Martina Matta  
Secretary