

## Minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the London COMITES held on 15 September 2022 Via Zoom, meeting no. 880 7661 3211

The session opens at 18.00

The President Alessandro Gaglione chairs, Chiara Cerovac acts as Secretary.

The Directors participate in the meeting (screenshot is attached):

- 1 Alessandro Gaglione
- 2 Livia Grasso
- 3 Frances Doria
- 4 Dimitri Scarlato
- 5 Elena Remigi
- 6 Luigi Billé
- 7 Clare Cerovac
- 8 Elio Alberti
- 9 Luciano Rapa
- 10 Mike Petretta
- 11 Anna Cambiaggi
- 12 Vincenzo Loggia
- 13 Melchior Roberto Nola

Excused absences:

- 14 Golam Maula Tipu
- 15 Germana Canzi
- 16 Antonino Martorana
- 17 Nicola Dal Basso
- 18 Federico Lago

Consul Francesco De Angelis is also connected via Zoom, as above. Also connected via Zoom is the Councilor of the CGIE Giannino D'Angelo (in addition to Elena Remigi and Luigi Bille', at the same time members of the CGIE and of the COMITES of London).

The Chairman ascertains that the quorum required by the Law is present and, therefore, declares the meeting open and able to resolve on the following:

### Agenda

- 1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 2 Discussion and approval of the 2023 Budget.
- 3 Adjustment (due to rising inflation) of the salary of the Secretariat element, Mr. Marco Pariotti.
- 4 Resignation from the Executive of Elena Remigi and consequent vote of the new member.
- 5 Update on ongoing projects:
  - Reportage of the Italian Community in the United Kingdom (Complitalia);
  - Living outside the nation;
  - Meeting with the Associations: updates, date definition and organization.
- 6 Discussion on new project proposals received from COMITES:
  - SPID related project;

- Project on Bilingualism;
- Across the Channel;
- 7 Proposal for a possible translation of the COMITES minutes into English;
- 8 Report of the Working Group on Consular Services and organization of a meeting with the new Consul General.
- 9 Update on the meeting at the Embassy on the EU Settlement Scheme.
- 10 Miscellaneous and other business.

Before starting the discussion of the items on the agenda, the new Consul General Domenico Bellantone introduces himself to the members of COMITES.

By opening the discussion on the first item on the agenda, the minutes of the meeting are approved meeting of the COMITES of 9 July 2022, after the addition of two notes proposed by Luigi Bille' and Anna Cambiaggi.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 2. Discussion and approval of the 2023 Budget

Treasurer V.Loggia presents the 2023 Budget to the assembly.

Vote by show of hands:

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 3. Adjustment (following the increase in inflation) of the salary of the element of Secretariat, Mr. Marco Pariotti

A salary increase was unanimously approved for the secretarial element Mr. Marco Pariotti, which takes into account the increase in inflation. It went from £19,300 a year to £21,120 a year.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 4. Resignation from the Executive of Elena Remigi and consequent vote for the new one component.

Elena Remigi presents her resignation from the Executive as a newly elected member of the CGIE.

Anna Cambiaggi proposes to replace her; then there was a vote by show of hands.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Anna Cambiaggi is the new member of the Executive.

## 5. Update on current projects.

ComplItaly

Following what was discussed in the previous COMITES meeting, a resolution was made on the possibility of requesting supplementary financing for 6 episodes, instead of 2 as it had been initially discussed. This is because, from an analysis of the fixed costs of production presented by ComplItaly, it is considered more convenient, from a marginal point of view, for

the COMITES to predict spending 6 bets costing around £14,000 rather than 2 bets costing around half of the amount estimated for the 6 episodes themselves.

Voting is by show of hands.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Living outside the nation

Anna Cambiaggi briefly explains to the assembly the project she is following and which concerns a study on Italian families, but with a foreign background, living abroad. It's about carry out about 40 interviews with families who meet these requirements and then present the study in London when completed. There are no costs except help in finding a location where you can present the project.

Meeting with the Associations: updates, definition and organization

F.Doria has contacted the Associations, not only those present on the COMITES website, but also those which have recently been added.

The Consulate has declared itself in favor of offering its spaces for free. The only note, besides the 7pm start, a payment of £40/hour is required.

We proceed with the vote by show of hands.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

## 6. Discussion on new project proposals received from COMITES

SPID

A.Cambiaggi recently spoke with the Italian Embassy and Consul Solinas about the SPID project. The Embassy and Consulate recommend merging the SPID project with that of the EUSS, so as to make it a single transition, aimed at the same range of population.

We proceed with the vote to approve this single project.

In favour: unanimity

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Bilingualism project

F. Doria has published an appeal addressed to multilingual families to invite them to take part in this project by providing their own experiences and will ask the Consulate to be able to advertise this project on its website.

Across the Channel

The "Brunel" University is preparing a project on the study of Italian identities after Brexit and requests support from COMITES in disseminating the questionnaire.

D. Scarlato points out that this project recalls and follows what COMITES has already carried out year ago. He therefore proposes to merge the work already done by the "Brunel" university into the project Committees.

Voting is by show of hands.

In favour: unanimity

Doubles: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Proposal for a possible translation of the COMITES minutes into English  
Following a proposal received regarding the translation of the COMITES minutes into English, M. Petretta volunteers to translate the COMITES minutes into English.

8. Report of the “progetti di lavoro” on Consular Services and organization of a meeting with the new Consul General R. Nola informs that the working group will meet in person with the representatives of the Consulate to discuss issues concerning consular services, with particular attention to the issuing service passports.

Consul De Angelis informs the assembly that it is possible to go to the Consulate every Wednesday without an appointment and that this is a service aimed at the elderly. The Consul also informs the committee that the Consulate would like to increase the number of appointments for issuing passports, creating itinerant 'hot spots'. Please refer to an update, at the next COMITES meeting, by the working group on consular services.

9. Update on the meeting at the Embassy on the EU Settlement Scheme  
This point has been merged with the SPID project.

10. Miscellaneous and other business.

E.Alberti asks Consul De Angelis for explanations regarding the delay in the release of the first passports to children born in Italy to Brazilian parents. E.Alberti himself believes it could be of racial discrimination and asked Consul De Angelis for explanations in this regard. Consul De Angelis points out that it is not a question of racial discrimination, but of double control that were introduced after a system was discovered that it managed to circumvent the Italian legislation on citizenship. In any case, E. Alberti will send the Consul the list of people - Brazilians - who are waiting the Italian passport for months. Since the items on the agenda have been exhausted, the session closed at 20.05.

THE PRESIDENT THE SECRETARY  
ALESSANDRO GAGLIONE CHIARA CEROVAC

SCREENSHOTS ATTENDANCE