

**SOCIETÀ DANTE ALIGHIERI GOLD COAST
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 26 February 2018 at 6.30 pm
Dante Rooms, 18 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters**

The President opened the meeting at 6.30 pm, welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending.

PRESENT:

Members present who signed the attendance roll were as follows:

Giovanna Santomauro, Astrid Pennisi, Tony Carnovale, Judith Roberts, John Santomauro, Walter Antonucci, Gerard Wilkes, Martina Medda, Connie Canale, Brian Bell, Maria Anna Domaneschi and Gino Moro.

APOLOGIES:

Peter Mignani, Robin Cook, Franco Domaneschi and Rita Lo Presti.

PROXIES:

No Proxy received.

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Minutes had been circulated and were taken as read.

Motion: That the Minutes be accepted

Moved: Giovanna Santomauro Seconded: Brian Bell Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

There was no business arising from Minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President read her Report which is attached to these minutes.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Giovanna Santomauro Seconded: Gino Moro Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The audited Balance Sheet was distributed and tabled.

The Treasurer gave a short verbal report to complement the audit and was available for any further questions and clarification. Financial details are available to members on request.

The profit we made this year included a grant from Gold Coast City Council of \$2,297 to purchase office equipment. There was an increase in our trading profit and this was an improvement from the loss in 2016. The increased profit was mainly due to the increase in school fees, income from mini courses and better monitoring of numbers per class. We utilised our teaching resources more efficiently this year and it appears that the current year has commenced strongly with an increase in students.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report and Audit be accepted.

Moved: Gerard Wilkes Seconded: Martina Medda Carried.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR 2018

The President thanked everyone for their work on the committee and vacated the Chair.

John Santomauro chaired the election of incoming committee.

All executive positions declared vacant

All positions had been filled as posted negating an election.

John Santomauro read the names and congratulated the incoming committee:

President	Giovanna Santomauro
Vice President	Gino Moro
Secretary	Anna Domaneschi
Treasurer	Gerard Wilkes
Committee	Walter Antonucci, Brian Bell, Connie Canale, Rita Lo Presti, Martina Medda, Peter Mignani, Astrid Pennisi and Judith Roberts

Incoming President took the Chair and resumed the Meeting

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: Lou Puggioni

Moved: Giovanna Santomauro Seconded: Gerard Wilkes Carried

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR: Gino Moro accepted

Moved: Giovanna Santomauro Seconded: Judith Roberts Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

The President informed the members that she has written to the Italian Consul about the letter received by the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club regarding the lease of our premises. The Lessor will lease our rooms only for 6 months, using the clause of demolition. They also have requested re-negotiating the costs for rent and electricity. Verbally they also offered a space in the Club, but that is not yet discussed because we need to wait for the space needed by CO.AS.IT.

The President informs the members that she has already made some enquires at TAFE in Ridgway Avenue. An architect told the President that there may be space to rent at Albert Waterways.

The President thanked Walter Antonucci and Franco Domaneschi for measuring the premises. It was done to be ready and prepared to see how much space we require.

Gino Moro, told the members that before going ahead with the project, the developer will need a sign to advise of the project positioned on the road. The members expressed serious concern at the proposed loss of amenity and facilities.

Tony Carnovale requested if we know something regarding parking in the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club. The President advised that the will rent the white room and the back of the bocce's court for motorhomes. Tony said we need to ensure that all our goods are secure, because we do not know what will happen. Connie stressed that even CO.AS.IT. will not have activities during the Commonwealth Games.

The President asked Tony Carnovale if he was prepared to help us when needed, he agreed, so has been decided to give him the key of the premises for emergency use.

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.55 p.m. and invited all to share light refreshments.

Signed: Giovanna Santomauro (President)

Date: 26.2.2018