

SOCIETÀ DANTE ALIGHIERI GOLD COAST INC
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 18 February 2019 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, Gino Moro and Robin Cook.

APOLOGIES: Franco Domaneschi and June Moro

PROXIES: Luisa Liussi

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: Judith Roberts 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: Walter Antonucci 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. In comparison with 2017, the year ending 31.12.2018 was up 3%. We are hoping for 2019 to be better.

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

Moved: Gerard Wilkes Seconded: Giovanni Santomauro 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,
 Astrid Pennisi and Judith Roberts

Incoming President took the Chair and resumed the Meeting

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

The President informed the members that she received a letter from the Auditor, Lou Puggioni, who advised that due to his retirement he will no longer be able to continue auditing the Dante books as he has done for many years. Gerard Wilkes, was asked by the President, Giovanna Santomauro, to find a new auditor. Gerard Wilkes said that he has found an auditor who is willing to audit our books for the same price. She is a member of MIPA, APA, so it was decided to nominate Laura Gail Robertson as our new auditor. All agreed unanimously. The President thanked Gerald Wilkes, for the job that he does all year and for the preparation of the books for auditing.

Proposed by: Gerald Wilkes Seconded by: Giovanna Santomauro Carried

APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR: Giovanna Santomauro nominated Gino Moro; who accepted.

Moved: Giovanna Santomauro Seconded: Rita Lo Presti Carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Gino Moro advised the members present that since the development project has been cancelled, he has requested the Gold Coast Italo Australian Club to exercise the option of a 3-year lease.
- Connie Canale has requested we advertise the Tosca Opera, group booking for the matinee on the 22nd June, to our contacts and in March's newsletter. At present she has only received two bookings from interested members.
- Rita Lo Presti, informed the members present that on Friday, 1st of March, at 6.30 p.m. the Dante will welcome the students to a new school year with an evening of Porchetta, Salsicce and playing bocce, she is requesting the presence of whoever is available from the Committee to help and to mingle with students.

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m. and invited all to share light refreshments.

Signed: Giovanna Santomauro (President)

Date: 18.2.2019