



American-Italian Federation of the Southeast

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Biennial Convention, Gulfport, MS Installation of Officers April 14, 2013

Minutes

Sunday Brunch Meeting of the American Italian Federation Convention that members of all member organizations were invited to attend.

At 11:20 AM, President Victor Musso opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then thanked Jason Savarese, President of the Gulf Coast Italian American Cultural Society, for hosting this Biennial Convention for the Federation.

President Musso repeated his remarks published in the Convention Booklet about the theme of this convention: “A Great Outlook for the Future,” and thanked Webmaster Nicoletta Giannico for her excellent work in creating the new website for the Federation.

He reported that a scholarship award had been presented by the Federation to a student at the annual Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet in January in honor of Joe Maselli, one of the Founders of the Federation. Another scholarship award was presented to a Loyola University opera student at a performance of *Candide* in February in honor of Sal Panzeca, a much loved Founder and liaison with the New Orleans Opera Association, also attended by Robert Lyall, Artistic Director of the New Orleans Opera. Mr. Musso commented that these were examples of the types of awards and functions the Federation was honored to present and support. These are the types of events that keep our Italian Culture and Italian

Organizations out into public awareness and should continue to support in the future.

He thanked E.C. “Chuck” Anselmo, another of the Founders of the Federation and member of the Advisory Board, for his support and presence at this Convention. He thanked everyone present for coming to the Convention and introduced Joe DeNone, well known entertainer and singer of Italian-American favorites.

The meeting was briefly adjourned for lunch, during which Joe DeNone performed many Italian songs.

At 1 PM, the meeting re-convened and awards were presented to outstanding members of two of the Federation’s clubs: to Amanda Broome-Cumberland by the Gulf Coast Italian American Cultural Society, and to Cheryl Blasimi Hentze of the Contessa Entellina Heritage Society.

The Installation of Officers elected at the general meeting of the Federation on Saturday, April 13th, was formally conducted by an attorney, Jason Savarese, President of GCIACS . The Officers who were sworn in by oath to serve the Federation faithfully and to the best of their abilities for the next two years were:

**President, Victor P. Musso
Executive Vice President, Joseph N. Distefano
Treasurer, Joseph S. Piccione
First Vice President, Lucille “Lou” Lato
Second Vice President, Dominick Grieshaber, Jr.
Third Vice President, Cecile Scialdone
Webmaster, Nicoletta Giannico
Secretary, Maria J. Falco, PhD
Chairman of the Advisory Board, E.C. “Chuck” Anselmo, Jr.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. And Joe DeNone resumed his performance.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Maria J. Falco,
Secretary**