



American-Italian Federation of the Southeast

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Board Meeting, July 28, 2013 Minutes

The meeting was convened by President Victor Musso at 11:10 AM at the Drusilla Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, LA. All individuals paid for their own meal.

Present were: Executive Vice President Joe Di Stefano, First Vice President Lou Lato; Second Vice President Dom Grieshaber; Third Vice President Cecile Scialdone; Treasurer, Joe Piccione; Secretary, Maria Falco; Webmaster, Nicoletta Giannico; Chairman of the Advisory Board, Chuck Anselmo; plus Josephine Piccione and Cyndie Anselmo.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not presented and are to be read at the August 11TH Federation members meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Joseph Piccione. After considerable discussion of the items and numbers reported, a motion to approve was made by Cecile Scialdone and seconded by Dom Grieshaber. It was accepted by the unanimous voice vote of those present.

A question arose as to the number of clubs that had not yet paid their membership dues for the year. Treasurer Piccione replied that approximately ten? of those still considered members of the Federation, had not yet done so for the year 2013. Reminders will be sent out in the near future.

In New Business, President Musso asked for the Board's opinion on three possible scholarship donations to be presented for the approval of the membership at the General Meeting on August 11.

The first was on the question of renewing a \$1,000.00 scholarship in the name of American Italian Federation of the Southeast Awards the Salvatore Panzeca Scholarship to an Opera student of Italian descent at Loyola University next Spring, with Dean Boomgaarden of the Music School making the selection and

Robert Lyall, Director of the New Orleans Opera Association, making the presentation along with the AIFEDSE President. After some discussion, it was unanimously decided to approve and to submit the proposal for the approval of the membership at the General Meeting on August 11.

The second was on the question of renewing the \$1,000.00 scholarship in the name of American Italian Federation of the Southeast Awards the Joseph Maselli Scholarship to a high school student of Italian descent at the Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet in January, 2014 with the selection being made by the American Italian Renaissance Foundation committee. This too was approved after much discussion.

The third proposal was for an entirely new \$1,000 scholarship in the name of the American Italian Federation of the Southeast alone, to be given to a student who met the criteria outlined by President Musso in an attached memo, also to be distributed to the membership for their approval at the General Meeting on August 11.

Criteria includes: Applicant must be a member, child or the legal ward or direct descendant of a AIFEDSE organization member who has been a member in good standing for at least twelve (12) consecutive months as of the application deadline. After much discussion it was decided to make the request for qualified students in the Spring. The scholarship recipient will be chosen by a random drawing at a quarterly meeting of the membership. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the Fall 2014 General Meeting.

An inquiry was raised as to whether or not the Federation would be sponsoring a table at the Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet next January. A table for eight was approved for discussion of the General Meeting.

Victor Musso then raised the question of the possible location of the next Biennial Convention in 2015. Lou Lato moved that the Lafayette club be asked if they would agree to host it, seconded by Dom Grieshaber and Cecile Scialdone, and approved by voice vote. Any organization can offer to host at the August 11 General Meeting.

Ms. Bette Cadwell will retire as Editor of the Italian American Digest after the 2014 Louisiana American Italian Sports Banquet. What a loss for our Italian Culture!

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Maria J. Falco, Secretary**