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AIFEDSE AGENDA-11:00AM Sunday, October 19, 2014 American Italian Federation Member Organizations Delegates Meeting. Any Members of AIFEDSE Member Organizations are welcome to attend also.

Location: Italian Hall, Gretna, Louisiana

Dinner to be furnish by American Italian Federation and prepared by Italian American Society of Jefferson.

Guest Speaker: Rita Pizzolatto Salman, President Baton Herb Society will speak on Italian Herbs, Olives, and Growing Olive Trees in our area. Rita will bring some olive trees that can produce in our area to sell as a fund raiser.

Call To Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Roll Call of Organizations represented by sign in sheets.

[Read Minutes of last AIFEDSE Members Meeting.]

Treasurer's Report by Joe Piccione.

Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by? \_\_\_\_\_

Old Business - The 2015 AIFEDSE Convention Site: A Member Organization is needed to host it. Any Member Organization can offer to host it and organize a committee to select the city with support of the American Italian Federation of the Southeast. Options available:

New Business - An \$1,000 scholarship award in the name of: The American Italian Federation of the Southeast, will be presented to raffle winner Luca Piero Alessandrini, Son of Franco and Margaret Alessandrini of San Sepolcro, Italy and New Orleans. Luca is a student at Tulane University.

New Business - Delete from the American Italian Federation of the Southeast as a Member Organization and its listing on the Web Site if it has not paid the dues or responded to letters from the Treasurer for two (2) years. It will become "Not a Member in Good Standing". -

Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Second by? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss

**Delete: Louisiana Irish Italian Society  
St. Bartolomeo Society**

New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing a \$1,000 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 in Spring 2015, with Dean 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. - Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Second by? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss

New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing the \$1,000 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 January 17, 2015. The selection shall be made by the American Italian Renaissance Foundation committee. Presentation to be by the AIFEDSE President or an AIFEDSE Officer at the Banquet. -Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Second by? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss

New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: Renewing the \$1,000 scholarship in the name of: The American Italian Federation of the Southeast, to be given to a student who meets the criteria outlined per the attached American Italian Federation of the Southeast Scholarships Application.

The request for qualified students will be in the Fall of 2014. The scholarship applications deadline will be February 14, 2015. The scholarship recipient will be chosen by a random drawing at a membership meeting of the members. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the Fall 2015 Delegates Meeting.

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.

The AIFEDSE Board of Directors has the right to increase the number of scholarship awards in any given year. - Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Second by? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss

New Business - Proposed for Approval by Delegates: The Federation will support the January 17, 2015 Louisiana American Italian Sports Hall Of Fame Induction Banquet at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside by paying for a table of 8. - Motion to Approve by? \_\_\_\_\_ Second by? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss

New Business- Discussion by the AIFEDSE President, Victor Musso of the successful effort that took place to establish a permanent Professorship in Italian Studies at Louisiana State University. This endowed professorship was created with funds of \$60,000 raised by the Italian Community and matched with \$40,000 by the State of Louisiana in order to preserve the Italian Heritage in the State of Louisiana and the states of the American South.

This endowment provides supplementary support for a Louisiana State University faculty member specializing in Italian Studies. This fund actually services as a permanent financial resource for the Italian Studies Program, ensuring the program's longevity.

Fund Raising Committee members primarily responsible for this accomplishment:  
Vincent Dispenza, Chairman & Originator of the Concept  
Joseph S. Piccione, Treasurer  
E.C. "Chuck" Anselmo, then AIFEDSE Vice President  
Gino Scialdone, then AIFEDSE President

Recognition Award for Ms. Bette Cadwell for her long service to the American Italian Community, The American Italian Federation of the Southeast, and as Editor of the Italian American Digest prior to her retirement.

Go around the tables for members to bring up any other business.

Motion to Closed the meeting by? \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by? \_\_\_\_\_

*Grazie,*

*Victor*

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## Scholarships

\$1,000 academic scholarship awards to students attending a college including a technical college or university may be awarded each year. The number of awards each year are to be determined by the American Italian Federation of the Southeast Officers on the Board.

The scholarship awards can be awarded by AIFEDSE to provide funds toward tuition provided the students are not enrolled in the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) program.

Louisiana's TOPS is a comprehensive program of state scholarships and one of the most innovative and progressive student assistance programs in the nation. Students should check with their local school for further information concerning the TOPS program to determine their eligibility and the amount of assistance they may receive.

### American Italian Federation of the Southeast Scholarship

#### Application Deadline February 14, 2015

**Name & Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School & GPA or ACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**College & GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AIFEDSE Member Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member(s)Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship eligibility requirements

1. 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. Only one scholarship award will be awarded per family per academic year.
2. A student can receive the AIFEDSE scholarship award one time. It is not renewable.
3. The scholarship money shall be used by an undergraduate student to attend on a full-time basis any college or university.
4. A first-time college student applying for the AIFEDSE scholarship must: a) have graduated from high school with at least a B average (3.0 GPA on a 4.0 GPA scale, or the equivalent); or, b) have graduated from high school and received a minimum ACT test score of 17. High school students who apply must be seniors.
5. An undergraduate college student seeking the scholarship must have achieved a minimum of 2.5 (on a 4.0 GPA scale) on all prior college work.
6. A scholarship application must be completed and returned to AIFEDSE.
7. The scholarship recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at a meeting of the AIFEDSE membership.
8. The scholarship recipients will be required to provide AIFEDSE with an official transcript verifying his/her eligibility prior to the award.
9. The scholarship funds will be deposited to the recipients account upon presentation of a copy of the official invoice for the payment of full-time undergraduate tuition.
10. The scholarship award provides tuition funds to students who DO NOT participate in Louisiana's TOPS program or receive other full scholarship assistance.

I understand and agree to the requirements stated above.

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Your Signature

Mail both pages to:

American Italian Federation of the Southeast  
Attn: Joseph S. Piccione, Treasurer

1220 St. John Street

Lafayette, Louisiana 70506  
Phone 337-235-9612

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Print your name

Proposed by Victor P. Musso, President