

Bio Notes for Sen. Paolo ARRIGONI Italy

Born in Lecco on 14 June 1964, senator Arrigoni grew up in the neighbouring village of Calolziocorte, where he still lives with his wife Wilma and his beautiful daughters Aurora and Noemi. At 16 years of age he was employed by Casmar, a company operating in the design and installation of electrical distribution in industrial establishments. In the meantime, he took vocational education evening classes and qualified as a Technician in Electrical and Electronic Industries. After his military service as a commissioned artillery officer at Santa Barbara barracks in Milan, he graduated in Electronic Engineering from the Milan Polytechnic in 1992 and became a chartered engineer in 1994.

After a one-year experience as a teacher at Pacinotti Institute in Milan while attending university, he worked as a Project Engineer at Italcementi in Bergamo (1992-2000). In March 2000 he opened his own firm specialising in the design of and consultancy for electrical and automation systems for the civil, tertiary and industrial sectors.

His political engagement began in 1997, when he joined the local Northern League office at Calolziocorte, of which he later became administrative officer. In 2000-2001, he was elected leader of the Calolziocorte office and member of the Northern League coordinating committee for the Lecco Province.

He was elected to the municipal council of Calolziocorte in 1998 and was local cabinet member for Ecology, Environment, Traffic and Transport in 2001-2003. On 26 May 2003 he became Mayor of Calolziocorte, an office he held for two terms until March 2013.

In those years, he served as an opposition councillor in the Province of Lecco 2004-2009, and as a government councillor 2009-2014. In both terms, he was the league's most voted councillor and chief whip of the political group.

From February 2002 to March 2005, he was board member of NORDCOM S.p.A., the ICT arm of Ferrovie Nord. From July 2003 to February 2006, he sat on the board of GRTN S.p.A., a nation-wide power grid operator.

In February 2013, he ran for the Senate of the Republic and was elected in the Lombardy constituency for the 2013-2018 Parliament. He sat on the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Environmental Properties and the Land; the Special Committee on Italians Abroad; and the Joint Committee on Schengen, Europol and Immigration. In 2014, he also became a member of the Joint Committee of Inquiry on Waste Recycling Crimes and other Environmental Offences (a.k.a., the Ecomafia Committee).

As reported by openpolis.it, senator Arrigoni has a 90% Senate attendance rate (which excludes the days when he was on official leave); he was the main

sponsor of four Bills, including the locally-important Bill to transfer the village of Torre de' Busi from the Lecco to the Bergamo Province; he introduced 7 motions, 126 questions, 182 recommendations to the Government and 1,700 amendments; he was co-rapporteur in 5 reports of the Ecomafia Committee.

This staunch commitment reflects his political ethics: responsibility towards the citizens who put their trust in him and pride of being a member of the League, the parliamentary group holding a five-year straight record for introducing the most Bills!

In those five years, Senator Arrigoni held a number of offices: leader of the political movement "Noi con Salvini" in the Abruzzo Region from November 2015 to 17 July 2017; campaign leader for the Molise regional election from 11 to 20 April 2018; first regional commissioner of the League in Northern Marche from December 2017 to 4 March 2020 and Acting Leader of the League in the Marche Region until 14 May 2020.

On 4 March 2018 he was re-elected to the Senate and on 28 March he was elected Quaestor of the Senate of the Republic. He has been a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Environmental Properties and the Land also during the present parliamentary term. On 18 July 2018 he was designated as member of the Parliamentary Committee for the Security of the Republic (COPASIR).

He has led the League's Energy Department since 17 February 2020.

He has been a Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic since June 2005.