

NOTE ON FORMATION OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES AT DISTRICT LEVEL UNDER THE AEGIS OF AIBRF:

Concept:

All India Bank Retirees Federation AIBRF is an Apex body of bank retirees for the common cause of bank retirees. All bank retirees should work together. Although the IBA has ignored us but, this is an opportune moment to raise our voice that everybody will hear. Hence, it is the need of the hour to stand by the All India Bank Retirees Federation as a rock like solidarity. Bank retirees have no class. We are one solid rock from messengers to managers. That is the only solution to solve our problems AND THIS IS NOW PROVED WITH A HOPPING MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY 60000 ACROSS THE COUNTRY COMPRISING OF ALL CADRES in this MIGHTY organization of bank retirees.

A Need for District Committees: To overcome a lacuna in the present setup of the organization and to reach to the members at grass root level, a set-up directly linked to central unit of organization is desired under the aegis of AIBRF for which the constitutional provision is available at Article No.11.6 of the constitution of AIBRF stating as “*AIBRF having regard to its policy of organizing the Bank Retirees, carrying out its organizational and programmes effectively and for strengthening its base at grass-root level*”. Accordingly, District Committees of all bank retirees unit should be formed at various district of the country for the purpose of organizing the Bank Retirees and to develop confidence among the bank retirees by proper communication to reach up to grass root level , implementation of various programs given by central committee of AIBRF from time to time, to encourage bank retirees to take part in programs by gathering at a spot to hold meetings, demonstrations, dharanas etc. to achieve the aim of the organization that the bank retirees are organized and they can rightfully come on road to achieve their demands. It is also a need in present political situation to form the District Unit to keep the AIBRF membership intact and to achieve

a membership population of one lac targeted by central committee of AIBRF in their last General Council meeting at Kolkata.

The Set-up of District Committees: The District Committees comprising of all bank units of bank retirees in a particular district should be represented by the General Secretary and the President of each such bank retirees unit or a representative nominated jointly by them under resolution or a written letter to represent the District Committee. Where there is no unit of some bank's retirees, the representation be given to individual retiree selected by their group.

Such representatives from various bank units should elect a Convener for such District Committee forum, who is an office bearer at the Central or State Committees of AIBRF and having been located conveniently to function as a coordinator among all the bank units. Further, the representatives from various banks may decide to form a body, if necessary, to entrust the responsibility to function at grass root level to achieve the goals of the organization without affecting the set-up and the quota of representation by their individual bank unit to the central and state units of organization in their various conferences/bodies.

FUNCTIONING OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES: The convener so elected should have a voice to call the meeting of all the representatives in the District Committee of bank retirees unit at particular district comprising tahsil places on the occasion of a need to call such meetings as and when there is a call from centre unit to communicate / implement such calls/ program by all such units of retirees together at a particular place. The convener may form an advisory / core committee comprising not more than five members from retirees of different bank units representing the District Committees to assist / advise him to take such decisions to call the meetings of all representatives for deciding the strategies/action program/ communication for implementing the programs as per the directives of central units.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT UNITS:

1. Being a coordinating feature of the body, no separate affiliation from each unit of bank retirees should be insisted for.

2. The expenses for meetings and communication shall be paid by individual units on share basis on the day of meeting and to be deposited with convener/coordinator and pay of the bills by the hands of convener/coordinator. It shall be on the basis of mutual / voluntary sharing by the participants of the each unit to raise such funds on the occasion to share the expenditure on the part of their units.

3. The expenses for banners/slogans/boards should be claimed from central unit legitimately on the production of quotation or bill, if such banners / slogans / boards are not provided by central unit of AIBRF to district units and advised to get printing of the same at local level. Such bills should have been preferably recommended for payment by the elected office bearer/committee member of central or state committees available at such district places.

4. Central Committee of AIBRF may please think of making available some sort of finances for the legitimate yearly expenses of District Committees to finance the activities for the implementation of the programs advised by them to the District Committees.

5. The District Committee may open a saving bank account with any of the member's bank branch in the name of "Bank Retirees (Name of the District) District Committee" to be operated jointly by the convener of the committee along with any two of the representative members. Any fund received from central unit or individual bank unit should be credited to the said account and disburse under three signatories for the expenses considered by the district committee in their resolution passed in the meeting.

REPORTING AND FOLLOWUP: The District Committees have to report their working to AIBRF under the resolution passed by all the

members present in the meeting through post or email to General secretary , AIBRF on their official email id or postal address and report the feedback received, if any from them , in the next meeting called on the desired occasion. Follow-up of working of the District Committees is a purview of central committee of AIBRF and the District Committees shall give their consent to such follow up if insisted for.

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(This prepared note is approved by existing District Committee of Pune.)

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