

All India Bank Retirees Federation

(A.I.B.R.F.)

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Minutes of the Central Committee Meeting Held at Manglore (Karnataka) on 17th and 18th September 2011

Central Committee Meeting of All India Bank Retirees' Federation (AIBRF) held at Manglore on 17th and 18th September was presided over by the President Shri S. R. Kulkarni and was attended by the C. C. Members / Observers and guests (Note:- Attendance sheet is available with G. S. Office).

The meeting was called to the order by the President and he made opening remarks thereafter. Then he asked the General Secretary to take up agenda items as circulated for the meeting.

Before taking agenda items, the General Secretary remembered Late Shri V. C. Joshi, C. C. Member and other retiree leaders and prominent personalities who died after the last meeting and requested the house to observe one minute silence in their respect and for their peace, accordingly, silence was observed. Thereafter the meeting commenced with the regular agenda.

Agenda Item No. 01

The General Secretary sought permission of the house to take minutes of Central Committee Meeting held at lucknow on 28.07.2010 and office-bearers meeting held at Lonawala on 05.03.2011 as read since they were already circulated among members earlier. The house granted the permission for it and thereafter unanimously approved them without any amendment.

Additional

At this stage, General Secretary of Karnataka Bank Employees' Association joined the meeting and addressed the house. He informed that his organisation and Shri Karanth AIBEA at national level support AIBRF efforts in leading retiree movement and its philosophy of one rank retiree organisations. He also advised that AIBEA would work for fulfillment of pending demands of retirees in coming days.

Agenda Item No. 02

The General Secretary thereafter took up agenda item no. 02 and gave brief outline about conducting first two phases of agitational program carried out during the months of March 2011 and June 2011, its impact and success received, details of which are given in the General Secretary Report. He also put up proposal about future stages of agitational program.

On this issue the following speakers participated in the deliberations:

- (1) Shri R. S. Desai – He gave details of various programs carried out at Mumbai. He also advised that our issues should be divided into pending and new issues and there should not be long gap in carrying out further phases.
- (2) Shri P. V. R. Rao – He thanked the General Secretary for successful completion of the program and expressed the view that this fight is for next generation.
- (3) Shri Mohan Sapre – He expressed full support of his unit for the program.
- (4) Shri H. A. Parmar – He gave details of the program carried out in Ahmedabad and Gujrat and informed about efforts for enhancing membership.
- (5) Shri V. V. Shenoy – He appreciated the action program carried out so far and gave details of mass dharna program carried out at various centre in the state of kerala under the banner of AKBRF. He felt that should have been mentioned of these programs in the General Secretary Report.
- (6) Shri D. P. Gupta – He gave details of dharna program staged in SBI Delhi and his efforts to bring more banks under the banner of AIBRF.
- (7) Shri S. P. Dhodapkar – He advised that 1600 postcards were sent to F. M. from pune centre.
- (8) Shri M. V. G. Nair – He felt that the program was the grand success.
- (9) Dr. G. S. Jog – He informed that the postcards were written in Marathi language by the retirees and was sent to F. M.
- (10) Shri Ramesh Kashyap – He expressed full support for the program.
- (11) Shri B. Ramji – He informed about submission of the memorandum to UFBU leaders namely Shri C. H. Venkatachalam, Shri Sridharan & Shri Balasubramaniam and details of other programs carried out in Tamilnadu.

Others speakers who participated in the deliberations on this agenda item were Shri Murthy, Shri S. V. Srinivasan, Shri R. K. Pandey, Shri srinivaskumar, Shri M. J. Kothari, Shri S. V. Dolas, Shri Mohanty, Shri R. K. Dixit, Shri Kalyan Sengupta, Shri P. C. Pareek who provided details of the program carried out in there respective areas and their success. They further assured that the further calls of agitational program given by C. C. meeting will be carried out.

At the end the General Secretary thanked the committee members, observers and other activities for their support in carrying out agitational program and hoped that next phase would also be carried out successfully with the support of all. He further assured the house that the suggestions given by the various speakers would be taken into account while finalising next phase.

Agenda Item No. 03

The General Secretary gave detailed presentation on various developments taking place in the post – one more pension option scenario in particular AIBOC initiative in forming another retiree organization and its consequences and effects on retiree movements. He also pointed out that our responses should be very matured and measured in view of sensitivity involved in it. Thereafter, he invited participation of the house.

The following speakers participated;

- (1) Shri B. Ramji – He briefed the house about efforts being made by AIBOC activists in forming another retiree organisation in IOB and other banks and to divide retirees. He condemned AIBOC efforts in splitting retirees and its charge that AIBRF had nothing for retirees.
- (2) Shri D. A. Masdekar – He gave account of role played by AIBOC in last 3/4 wage settlements and opined that AIBOC now wants to rehabilitate its retiree leaders.
- (3) Shri Karndekar – We should not be unduly worried with AIBOC move but should strengthen the organisation.
- (4) Shri S. V. Srinivasan – He strongly condemned AIBOC initiative in splitting retiree organisation and thereby causing damage. He called for appropriate action to perfect interest of AIBRF.

Other speakers who participated in the deliberation on the issue included Shri Karndekar, Shri Devesh Bhattacharaji, Shri Ashok Chattarji, Shri Ashok Patil, Shri Gopinath Nair, Shri Pandit, Shri H. A. Parmar, Mr. D. P. Gupta, Shri Radhakrishnan, Shri T. M. Methews. All these speakers were of the view that while we should not give for much importance to AIBOC action but we should concentrate on educating our members and thereby strengthen the organisation.

Shri M. V. G. Nair and Shri Dolas who spoke on the subject were of the view that General Secretary had not initiated immediate action in the matter and therefore Federation of Central Bank Retiree Association had to issue circular condemning AIBOC action.

At the end, General Secretary, Shri S. C. Jain gave his concluding remarks where he made the following points

- (1) It is not correct for Central Bank representative to say that General Secretary Office did not take immediate action. In fact, Circular was issued inviting suggestions from the affiliated units, but nobody responded
- (2) AIBRF is very vibrant organisation with very strong legacy. One of the founder was Shri Ramesh Chakarborti, founder of AIBEA
- (3) AIBRF membership is increasing day by day and has reached close to 40000
- (4) We should educate our membership and strengthen our functioning

- (5) We should wait for final shape of AIBOC initiative before giving any reaction at AIBRF level. But we should remain vigilant and continue to work to strengthen the organisation instead of showing too much concern for it

Additional

On 18.09.2011 morning, Shri P. S. Murthy, General Secretary, Federation of S. B. I. Pensioners' Association attended the meeting as guest of honor. He was introduced to the house by the General Secretary, Shri S. C. Jain.

In his address, He made it clear that SBI Welfare Association firmly believes in all rank composite retiree organisation and have been working for it and shall continue to do so. He further said that SBI Pensioners' Association believes that AIBRF is true representative of retirees and would like to work in coordination with it.

Agenda Item No. 04

The General Secretary, Shri S. C. Jain informed that sub - committee constituted at Lonawala meeting under convenorship of Shri P. S. L. M. Hargopal and Shri S. V. Srinivasan, Shri Pratap Shukla and Shri M. V. G. Nair as members submitted the report on charter of demand which has since been circulated in C. C. Meeting. Convener, Shri S. L. M. Hargopal and the member Shri Pratap Shukla were not present. Further the members could not also go through the report fully and properly in view of this, the General Secretary submitted the following proposal:

- (a) Members would go through the report and send their suggestions on it to the General Secretary by 31.10.2011
- (b) Suggestions would be sent to the sub - committee who would consider them and submit their views on them.
- (c) The revised report would be submitted to the next Office - bearers meeting / C. C. Meeting for final approval and further action.

This proposal was unanimously approved by the house.

Agenda Item No. 05 - Accounts

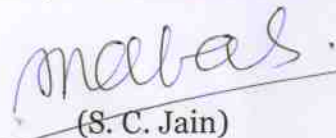
Audited Accounts for the year ended December 2009 & 2010 were presented and thereafter were approved by the house unanimously.

Further, on the representation made by the General Secretary, monthly expenses of the office were increased from the present Rs. 4000/- to Rs. 5000/- w.e.f. 01.09.2011 in view of steep increase in prices.

Agenda Item No. 06 - Other Organisation Matter

- (1) The General Secretary gave detailed accounts of developments in legal cases concerning to retirees in particular of Pratap Kumar case which is likely to come for regular hearing from 11.10.2011 and is likely to be disposed off in October 2011 as indicated by The Supreme Court. He advised that decision of the Supreme Court in this case will have far reaching consequences on retiree issues in particular on the most vital issue of pension updation.
The speakers who participated in the deliberation on this issue were Shri C. N. Prasad of State Bank of Manglore and Adv. R. K. Pathak of Dena Bank etc., who suggested that whenever, required this tool should be used for redressal of retiree grievances.
- (2) As per the proposal submitted by the General Secretary, Shri Y. V. Subbarao of Andhra Bank Retiree Federation was co - opted as Central Committee Member for the remaining tenure of the committee.
- (3) Dr. G. S. Jog informed the house that AIBRF website has since been launched with website address www.aibrf.com. The members were requested to send their personal details for display on the website as requested in the earlier circulars. It was also decided that Adv. R. K. Pathak of Dena Bank would help in handling legal corner of the website.
- (4) After deliberations, it was decided to nominate Shri C. N. Prasad of SBM (Subject to SBM joining AIBRF) to legal sub - committee in place of Shri V. C. Joshi due to his demise.
- (5) On the basis of proposal submitted by the General Secretary, it was decided to increase delegate and observer fees from existing Rs. 600/- per member to Rs. 1000/- per member w.e.f. next delegate session in view of steep increase in price line in last 2/3 years.
- (6) The General Secretary advised that normal tenure of the existing body would come to end in December 2011. In view of this, next delegate session need to be convened to elect new body and transact other business. On this, Shri Devesh Bhattacharya extended invitation to hold next delegate session at Kolkata, His invitation on behalf of Bengal Provincial Bank Retiree Organisation was provisionally accepted by the house subject to submission of detailed plan of logistics needed for this purpose by 31st October 2011 to the General Secretary Office.

Thereafter the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair, host unit and C. C. Members / Observers / Guests.



(S. C. Jain)
General Secretary