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XII BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF CBROA – A GRAND SUCCESS

The XII Biennial Conference of CBROA in Mysore on 10th and 11th of April 2023 was a grand spectacle. The collective team effort of our Mysore Unit was evident in all aspects of the conference whether it was catering, accommodation arrangements, providing transportation to the delegates, stage management etc. I place on record my deep appreciation for the Reception Committee led by its Chairman Shri. N. Srikantamurthy, convenor Shri Shiva Prasad and other committee members and large contingent of volunteers. The Mysuru team was ably assisted by the Bengaluru unit for the smooth conduct of the conference. I also extend my appreciation for the wonderful compering done by Shri H L Gopinath, our former AGM and activist. Members attending the conference were unanimous in appreciation of the arrangements and enjoyed the sumptuous and tasty food served on both days of the conference. **Our Mysuru unit had created a new benchmark in conducting such a mammoth conference and making it a memorable one.**

The inaugural session was held in a disciplined and orderly manner and over 1500 delegates had attended the session. Top leaders of our apex body AIBPARC, Shri K V Acharya, President, Shri Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, Shri G D Nadaf, Advisor have addressed the huge gathering and deliberated on the various burning issues of retirees namely updation of Pension, 100% DA neutralisation to pre-2002 retirees, subsidising medical insurance scheme for retirees. Besides, the representatives of the management Shri S Shankar, Chief General Manager, HR Wing, HO and Shri G S Ravisudhakar, General Manager, HR Wing, HO of our mother Bank graced the occasion and deliberated on the issues of the retirees.

Among the other dignitaries who graced the conference was our patron the General Secretary of CBOA, the young and ebullient Shri K Ravikumar who had won the hearts of the audience by his charismatic personality. He had assured to help the CBROA in its welfare activities.

Another important highlight of the conference was the felicitation of super senior members who have completed 75+ years. CBROA felt proud to honour these members.

The XII biennial conference was coincided with silver jubilee celebrations of our CBROA. However, due to pandemic, we could not conduct the conference in the year 2021. Our beloved CBROA was formed in 1996 thanks to the vision of the then General Secretary of CBOA Shri. B Sudhakar Shetty. CBROA has now, developed into a one of the formidable body of retirees across the Banking Industry having 11600 active members. We were fortunate to have amidst us Shri B Sudhakar Shetty, who has been a guiding and motivating force behind CBROA, attending the conference and participating in the proceedings very keenly. I extend

my deep gratitude for his resolve and commitment in playing a key role in keeping the CBROA a well-knit and disciplined organisation. Another great leader and former President of CBROA for over 7 years Shri. K B Ballur could not attend the conference as he has gone abroad. However, his best wishes and guidance has always been with CBROA. He has been a motivating factor for thousands of members who hold him in reverence and they felt his absence in this conference. I express my deep gratitude for this noble person for the yeoman service he has done to CBROA and hope he will continue to guide us in the future too.

Scores of the senior members, many of whom were former executives and office bearers of CBOA/CBROA attended the conference and were seen taking active participation in the deliberations. Among them were Shri M N Krishnamurthy, the veteran CC member of CBOA, Shri Kusumakar Shetty, former CC member of CBOA during 1984-85, Shri D Vijayakumar, former General Manager and Dy. Treasurer of CBOA, Shri Kallu Rao, former General Manager. My warmest greetings to all these gentlemen who made this conference a memorable one.

During the business session, many important resolutions have been passed for the smooth conduct of our organisation as well as concerning the burning issues of the retirees. Hence forth the conference will be a triennial. The life membership is increased to Rs. 6000/- and there will not be any ordinary membership. The election to Central Committee posts was unanimous and I am proud and privileged to be got elected as General Secretary of this great organisation CBROA. Shri A N Krishnamurthy was General Secretary of CBROA from 2016 till this biennial. His contribution to the growth of CBROA has been immense and he has strengthened, consolidated, and made our beloved CBROA more formidable across the country. He has been elected as President of CBROA in this Biennial. Shri G A Hande has been elevated to the post of Chairman.

While extending my congratulations to all the office bearers who have been re-elected to the Central Committee and scores of others who have become office bearers for the first time, I call upon them to rededicate themselves for strengthening this great organisation by enrolling members on a war footing especially those belonging to e-syndicate bank. Further, thousands of retired officers are yet to become our members. Hence, we need to gear up on all fronts and bring all these retirees to our fold.

Last but not the least, several members have been very generous in giving donations which helped the Association in building a good corpus for evolving welfare schemes for the needy members. I extend my sincere thanks to all those good Samaritans. May their tribe increase!

Further, I extend my deep gratitude for all the office bearers at Bangalore and scores of other activists who are working tirelessly despite health issues and old age and giving their invaluable service to CBROA especially in running our Central Office at Bangalore.

Assuring all the members that being the General Secretary of our beloved CBROA, I will strive hard to keep the CBROA flag always high. Being an elder's body, it is important for us to be

role models for our younger generation. We need to respect our elders who have worked selflessly all these years for the glory of our beloved CBROA and welfare of our members.

I am very much aware of the burning issues concerning our members. Apart from Pension updation and 100% DA neutralisation to pre-2002 retirees, the exorbitant medical insurance premium is really hurting our members very badly and it has become unaffordable for every one of us. We need to take up this issue very seriously with the Bank Management, IBA and the Central Govt. With the blessings and best wishes of all our members, I hope these issues will be resolved to our satisfaction and I assure you that I will work hard in this regard to the best of my ability.

With warmest greetings,

J S JAGADEESH
GENERAL SECRETARY