On becoming General Secretary of CBROA in our Mysore Conference held on 10 & 11th April 2023, I requested the General Secretary of CBOA, Sri Ravikumar to have one to one meeting to discuss various issues pertaining to Retirees of our Bank. On 23rd June 2023, we the representatives from CBROA had a meeting with the top leaders of our parent body CBOA at our Association office in Bengaluru. CBOA GS had brought his entire core team for the meeting. Chairman of CBOA Sri Jacob, President Sri Rajiv Nigam, General Secretary Sri Ravi Kumar, Vice Presidents Sri. Ramaprasad and Lingareddy, CNT member Sri. Raghavan Central Liaisons Sri. Kulkarni and Manjunath along with other top office bearers of Bengaluru attended the meeting. From CBROA our mentor and former GS of CBOA Sri Sudhakar Shetty presided over the meeting. Sri Vijayakumar former GM and former Dy Treasurer of CBOA attended the meeting. Though I requested our former President of CBROA/CBOA, Sri K B Ballur, former Presidents of CBOA Sri. M N Sundaram and KRS Murthy to attend the meeting, due to their pre-occupations they couldn't attend the meeting. However, they have given inputs /best wishes for the success of the meeting.

From CBROA, along with me our President Sri A N Krishnamurthy, Chairman Sri G A Hande, Vice President Sri C B Prabhakar, Treasurer Smt Thriveni along with other office bearers participated in the meeting.

General Secretary Sri J S Jagadeesh initiated the discussion and requested the leaders of CBOA to support and guide the CBROA in all its activities and help in resolving the issues pertaining to retirees especially the exorbitant and unaffordable premium paid by the retirees on group health insurance policy.

Our mentor Sri Sudhakar Shetty spoke in length about the early days of CBOA and it's struggles and tribulations along its chequered history of over 5 decades. Sri Ravikumar in his reply praised the role of elders in building CBOA and making it a formidable entity and assured all help in resolving the retirees' issues. In fact, he said he has already taken up the issue of subsidising group medical insurance premium for retirees with MD & CEO.

Friends, it was a candid meeting of the elders of CBROA with the young and energetic leaders of CBOA and we had a very fruitful discussion. The meeting was one of its kind in the sense that for the first time the top leaders of CBOA had one to one discussion with the top leaders of CBROA. Hope some positive developments would emerge from this meeting for the benefit of our members/retirees.

J S Jagadeesh General Secretary 25.6.2023

