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To All Members (Please Circulate)

SBIOA (BENGAL CIRCLE), ADMINISTRATIVE ZONAL COMMITTEE, HOWRAH MINUTES OF THE 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 25.11.2017 AT EASTERN RAILWAY OFFICERS' CLUB, HOWRAH

About 700 members of Howrah Module along with the members of other zones gathered for the Opening Session of the 18th Annual General Meeting of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) Administrative Zonal Committee, Howrah. The programme started with energetic slogans at 11.00 a.m., followed by flag hoisting and paying homage to the Martyrs. The meeting which was anchored by Com Reshmi Majumder, commenced with the heartfelt rendition of a chorus by the comrades of the Zone under "Srijan" wing.

The compere called on stage the President of the AZC, Com Tushar Subhra Saha, Chief Regional Secretary of the AZC, Com Sabuj Mistry and then the dignitaries were welcomed on the stage by the President and CRS. The dignitaries on the stage included Com Soumya Datta, Joint General Secretary AlBOC, Vice-President AlSBOF, President AlBOC (WBSU) and General Secretary SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, E.C. Member AlSBOF and Deputy General Secretary SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Com G. Subramanyam, Senior Vice-President AlSBOF and General Secretary SBIOA (Hyderabad Circle) as the Special Guest and Shri K. Rangarajan, Deputy General Manager (B&O) Howrah Module, as Chief Guest.

The meeting started with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Deputy General Manager of the Module, along with all the dignitaries and many SBIOA Seniors.

In their welcome address, Com Tushar Subhra Saha, Zonal President and Com Sabuj Mistry, Chief Regional Secretary, extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries on and off the dais and to all present in the house wishing the meeting to be a grand success.

Shri K. Rangarajan, Deputy General Manager (B&O) Howrah, in his address urged upon maintaining a good health of the members, as well as, of the institution. He appreciated the contribution of the members in his module for their good performance in various parameters of the module. He recalled the 1991 economic slowdown throughout the world and how India could maintain its stability through State Bank of India. He hailed Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary of the Circle for undertaking other social welfare activities besides welfare of the members. He applauded the excellent IR being maintained in the Module between the Association and the Management. He was hopeful and confident about Federation leadership clinching a good Bipartite Settlement. He emphasized that only Teamwork could yield better results.

In his deliberation to the august house, Com G. Subramanyam, Senior Vice President, AISBOF and General Secretary, SBIOA (Hyderabad Circle) expressed his happiness for being present in the meeting. He shared his thoughts on different aspects of the Association as well as Federation. He appreciated Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), for electing the first ever young lady comrade as Regional Secretary from this Circle like the first ever lady Regional President of yester years. He pointed out the various initiatives and programmes taken by AIBOC under the leadership of Com D. T. Franco Rajendra Dev. He applauded Bengal Circle for organizing a successful two days' National Youth Convention on 26th & 27th August, 2017. He briefed the present status of Wage Revision acknowledging Bengal Circle's contribution in preparing the Charter of Demand. He referred to the latest circular nos. 2017/63, 64, 65 issued by AIBOC regarding Five Day Week, Regulated Working Hours & Reduced Transaction Hours and Issues concerning Lady Employees and presented an elaborate discussion on the issues. He also advised the members to go by the system and procedures while discharging the roles to the bank.

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Com Soumya Datta, Joint General Secretary AIBOC, Vice-President AISBOF, President AIBOC (WBSU) and General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) in his address, greeted all on and off the dais and appreciated the relationship between the Modular Management and the Zonal Leadership. He thanked the Deputy General Manager for his pragmatic view on punishment and fixing of accountability of the members. While referring to the Chairman's message of 'Work Life Balance " and "STEPS" code. He, however, expressed his displeasure on the issue of internal customer service where members often were humiliated by seniors. He questioned whether the accountability is fixed up for any such misbehavior as was in the case of misbehaviour with customers of the Bank.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Business session of the meeting commenced and was presided over by Com Tushar Subhra Saha, AZC President. At the outset, he read out the Notice of the meeting and the agenda items.

He took up the first agenda and requested Com Sabuj Mistry to present the Chief Regional Secretary's Report along with the audited Statement of Accounts before the House for discussion and adoption.

The following members came to the dais to participate in the discussion on the Chief Regional Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts.

Com Debarati Dey from Kaushalya branch spoke about Women's participation in trade union movement. Com Hirok Ghosh from RBO-II remarked that merger was the first step towards privatization. Com Vivek Tiwari from SME Branch, Howrah expressed concern about the result of reckless banking and poor HR Policy. Com Rahul Chowdhury of Tamluk Railway Station branch mentioned about ongoing mis-selling. Com Joydeep Chatterjee of Midnapore branch reminded the need to stop misbehavior towards internal customers. Com Ravi Shankar Mahato spoke about the recent initiatives of AIBOC such as People's Parliament for Unity and Development.

In reply to the speakers in the meeting, Com Sabuj Mistry dwelt upon the important points raised by the Speakers.

The Secretarial Report and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2017 were then accepted and passed by the Members in the House through voice vote.

Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, E.C. Member AISBOF and Deputy General Secretary SBIOA (Bengal Circle) in his deliberation mentioned about the various achievements of the current Circle Leadership. He urged upon the office bearers across all tiers to devote more time and to the members to participate in organizational activities to build up "Stronger Region" at the call of our beloved General Secretary. He pointed out that few members were proactive for working on Sundays/Holidays which needed to be avoided and honour the "Work - Life Balance".

Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary, in his concluding speech called for strong Regional Committees and proper functioning of Regional Secretaries. He emphasized upon the need to reach out to every member. He reiterated his faith on the younger generation and therefore, felt the need to induct more young blood in various tiers of the Association.

The vote of thanks was then proposed by Com Bholanath Bandyopadhyay, Vice-President, AZC, Howrah.

Finally, the Zonal President concluded the meeting with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Soumya Datta (General Secretary)