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SBIOA (BENGAL CIRCLE), ADMINISTRATIVE ZONAL COMMITTEE, BURDWAN MINUTES OF THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 09.12.2017 AT BANGSHA GOPAL TOWN HALL, BURDWAN

722 members and guests from every possible nook and corner of the module, attended the 37th Annual General Meeting of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) of Administrative Zonal Committee, Burdwan braving the inclement weather.

Inauguration of the programme by hoisting of the Association's flag and by paying homage to the martyrs was done by Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, E.C. Member AISBOF and Deputy General Secretary SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Com Raktima Soren, Vice President, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), SBIOA Seniors and others. The management functionaries were represented by Shri Radheshyam Mishra, Regional Manager, Region IV, Burdwan.

The programme began amidst stunning slogans and the theme of the Annual General Meeting was "100 years of the November Revolution". Thematic representation based on the November Revolution brightly marked the stage decor. The tone of the programme was set by a small video "Pictorial History of World Labour Movement" set to the tune of a popular Nazrul Geeti performed by AZC, Burdwan under the banner of "Srijan".

Com Mounita Datta anchored the Opening Session and welcomed all members and guests present and outlined the need for active participation of all members. Then she called all the distinguished guests to grace the dais. Present on the dais were Com Pradip Mukhopadhyay, Zonal President AZC Burdwan, Com Raktima Soren, Vice President, SBIOA (Bengal Circle), Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, EC Member AISBOF and Deputy General Secretary, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) and Shri Radheshyam Mishra, Regional Manager, Region IV, Burdwan Module, Com Shyamal Roy, President, AIBOC Burdwan District Unit, Com Sanjay Mukherjee, AGS, SBISA Burdwan Module, Com Bidyut Kumar Modak, Zonal Secretary, SBI Pensioners' Association, Burdwan Zone, Com Biplab Sarkar, Chief Regional Secretary AZC Burdwan and Com Prabir Bhowmik, Treasurer, AZC Burdwan. Flower bouquets were presented to the guests.

Thereafter, Com Pradip Mukhopadhyay took over for conducting the Meeting. He mentioned that Com General Secretary and Com President were on their way to the meeting as they had reached Kolkata in the early hours of the morning following a delay in flight from Bengaluru after attending a Federation meeting thereat. He called upon Com Biplab Sarkar to deliver his welcome address. Com CRS welcomed all senior functionaries of the module, leaders of the fraternal association, leaders and comrades of yesteryears, leaders from AIBOC, distinguished guests and all general members. In his address, he referred to the continued struggles of the working class people, the situation of the unorganized sector, the hasty economic experiments undertaken by the government that have played havoc in the Indian economy. He also congratulated the members, who toil hard despite facing many hurdles and obstacles to continue to achieve pan India leading positions in various parameters. He ended by requesting all members to freely participate in discussions and to contribute to the growth of the organization.

Shri Radheshyam Mishra, Regional Manager, Region IV, Burdwan Module, won all hearts by reminding that he too was a member of the Association. He stated that the Zone was doing very well in most of the business parameters. The Circle had stood 2nd in the Circle ranking matrix for the 5th consecutive time and for that he thanked all officers. He said that the biggest area of concern remained to be Operational Risk Management. He requested all to develop a culture of compliance, to shed the casual approach and to protect one's self as well Bank's interests.

Com Shyamal Roy, President, AIBOC Burdwan District Unit congratulated AZC Burdwan of SBIOA (Bengal Circle) for participating in all programmes of AIBOC and thanked the majority of participants for being present in SBIOA programmes. He spoke on the present condition of the banking industry and discussed on the issues that has been taken up by AIBOC. He requested all to sign the online petition against FRDI Bill. He emphasized on the need to bring in youngsters into the fold of the banking trade union movement.

Com Sanjay Mukherjee, AGS, SBISA Burdwan Module, welcomed all and hailed the choice of theme for the AGM. He said that right of working class people can only be gained through continued struggle. He spoke on the issues plaguing the members of the fraternal organization and requested support for the same. He also thanked for the formation of the Joint Forum at the national level. He reminded all that it was the duty of each and every employee to carry forward the legacy of SBI.

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Com Bidyut Kumar Modak, Zonal Secretary, SBI Pensioners' Association, Burdwan Zone, spoke on the various issues concerning the banking industry today. He referred to mis-selling, NPS, FRDI Bill. He reminded all that down the years the issues might have changed but the struggle remained. Just as they have sacrificed their sweat and blood to build SBI, today's employees also need to do the same.

Finally, Com Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay, EC Member AISBOF and DGS, SBIOA (Bengal Circle) outlined the many initiatives that have been taken up by the General Secretary. He spoke about the seminar on "Diversified Farming in Income Generation and Environmental Safety" to be held at Kalyani, Nadia on 13th December. He reminded that at Kolkata SBIOA (Bengal Circle) had organized seminar on RFIA for the benefit of the members. The Circle has been performing exceedingly well only because the officers toiled hard. He reiterated the issues that have been taken up at the Circle CNCs. He also broadly outlined the issues to be taken up in the CNC meeting to be held in December 2017. He said that not only are the CNCs held in a very conducive atmosphere but also that follow-up meetings are held regularly.

Hereafter the open session ended.

BUSINESS SESSION

Business Session of the meeting was started by the Zonal President, Com Pradip Mukhopadhyay. He welcomed on stage Com Kalyan Kumar Dey, Deputy General Secretary AISBOF, Senior Vice-President AIBOC (WBSU) and President SBIOA (Bengal Circle) and Com Soumya Datta, Joint General Secretary AIBOC, Vice-President AISBOF, President AIBOC (WBSU) and General Secretary SBIOA (Bengal Circle) on the stage. At the outset, he read out the Notice of the Meeting and the Agenda items. Thereafter, he took up the first agenda and requested Chief Regional Secretary, Com Biplab Sarkar to place his Secretarial Report for 2017 followed by AZC Treasurer, Com Prabir Bhowmik, to table the Statement of Accounts for the period in order to discuss and necessary adoption.

Com Biplab Sarkar presented the Report and Com Prabir Bhowmik presented the audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2017. Com Zonal President opened the discussion to the house. He requested all members who were interested to present their views on the Report and Statement of Accounts. Com Bivabasu Karmakar, Com Rajesh Kumar, Com Debashis Chakraborty, Com Debangshu Sarkar, Com Debaleena Mondal and Com Pradip Malik spoke on the Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts. They raised very pertinent questions on issues related to manpower shortage, forced selling, CDS scores. Many more comrades wanted to speak, but could not be accommodated due to paucity of time.

In his reply Com Biplab Sarkar briefly stated that as most issues raised was pertaining to the Circle and Federation, the same would be addressed by the General Secretary. However, he cautioned all members to be vigilant as they would be responsible for all sorts of transactions originated by them. So they should practice ethical banking and steer clear of all unethical practices.

Thereafter, at the behest of the Zonal President, the house unanimously passed and adopted the Chief Regional Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 2017. Com Circle President, Kalyan Kumar Dey introduced the office bearers, elected unopposed, for the term 2018-20 as members of AZC Burdwan.

Then Com Soumya Datta, General Secretary addressed the house. He opened by speaking on the Great November Revolution. He outlined the current political and social situation of the country. He invited all to the seminar on FRDI Bill. He spoke on the online petition and the battle on social media taken up by the Association. He addressed all issues raised by the members like CDS. He spoke on the Vacation Policy, 100% medical reimbursement, work-life balance. He said that it was necessary to make sustained efforts to bring change. He spoke that special steps were to be taken up for women so that they could balance between work and family life. He said that efforts were being made to convert RMROs to generalist cadre. He mentioned about the roadmap for coming struggles and mentioned that it would only be possible through sustained efforts.

Com Kalyan Kumar Dey, President in his deliberation called for unity among members. This was his last meeting in the module as he was due for retirement on 31/01/2018. He requested all members to participate whole heartedly in Association activities. He was given a standing ovation by the house.

Com Pradip Mukhopadhyay proposed the vote of thanks and declared the meeting closed with the rendition of the National Anthem.



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