



FEDERAL BANK RETIRED OFFICERS' FORUM (FBROF)

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To All members,

26th Annual General Body Meeting & Biennial Election To Be Conducted On-Line

FBROF OPTS FOR DIGITAL PLATFORM

To meet the challenges faced by the acutely continuing Covid restrictions and considering the least possibilities of a return to normalcy of pre COVID-19 days in the near future, FBROF decides to go for Digital Online Platforms to conduct its Biennial Annual General Body Meeting along with Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee which were overdue since last year but forced to be postponed due to the unexpected outbreak of Covid-19 last year and the resultant severe restrictions imposed thereupon.

Considering the requirements of the adverse circumstances still prevailing, the Executive Committee meeting held on 17th July 2021 decided to opt for digital virtual platform to conduct the postponed Biennial Conference and the Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee. We thankfully acknowledge the offer by FBOA, our parent organisation to share their proposed digital platform intended for their Biennial Conference and Election of their Office Bearers and Executive Committee which is scheduled for October 2021 made things easier for us to decide on the course of action in this direction.

Subsequently this decision for the On-Line Conference and On-Line Election process was placed and discussed in detail in all our Zonal-Area meetings conducted during these days leading to a consensus of all our members who participated in those Zonal-Area meetings all over India on the decision to resort to the digital platform which is the only alternative available at present to enable all our members to participate in the proposed General Conference and the Election process which was already overdue since last year.

Office Bearers had a meeting to discuss the proposed AGM and Elections online on 12 August 2021, in which FBOA Dy. Genl. Secretary Com. Vivek Sankar, who is in charge of monitoring the Election procedure of FBOA was invited. He has briefed about the procedure of conducting the Election online, on the basis of consultation with the Agency which developed the software application for FBOA and informed that all our members need to register their mobile numbers and email ids, and an Area wise/Zone wise list of members shall be provided to the Agency. For that we are in the process of collecting the correct mobile number and email id of all our members. Accordingly, a detailed list of all members in an area with available mobile number and email id is being sent separately and posted in the respective FBROF Area WhatsApp groups. Members are requested to go through it and verify the list and they shall point out discrepancies, if any, through the respective WhatsApp group. Those senior most members who are not in our

Area WhatsApp Groups are also requested to inform their Mobile number/email, if they have one or any alternate number of their spouse/children, so that they could also join this novel exercise.

All Area Secretaries are required to consolidate the list and submit to central Office before 31 August 2021 for updating the data base at our end. A format for communicating details, if any, shall be provided in our WhatsApp Groups. Updated list of members with latest mobile number and email id will also be posted in our website www.fbrof.com. A member can attend the AGM and exercise his franchise only if his mobile number and valid email id are registered with the Forum as the process is working on the basis of an OTP sent to the registered mobile number/email. The App developed by FBOA for this purpose can be downloaded from Google Play store / IOS App store. Any member can login to the App by entering his/her PF Number, get an OTP in mobile /email registered with the Forum. He/She will be able to view the list of candidates, file/withdraw nominations, view final list of candidates in the fray, etc and Voting can also be done on a particular date as advised by the Presiding Officer, who will be appointed along with two Asst. Presiding Officers in the ensuing EC Meeting of the Forum.

The members are requested to kindly note that as per clause 5C of the Byelaw of the Forum nomination filed, if any, by a member who is having dues to the Forum including the monthly subscription is liable to be rejected. The list of defaulters is to be handed over to the Presiding Officer well in advance for the scrutiny of the nominations. Hence, we once again appeal to those members who is having dues to the Forum to kindly pay the dues in arrears, immediately and also file Mandates for collection of monthly subscription. If any of the members prefers to know the amount of such arrears may contact either Sri George Sam, Treasurer or Sri P K Mohamed Ansari, Dy.Gen. Secretary.

The details of the modus operandi and other formalities required will be informed to the members in due course after the proposed Executive Committee to be held on 28th August 2021. We seek the support and cooperation of all our members in the smooth and successful conduct of the AGM and Election being conducted in a Digital Platform for the first time in our history.

With Seasons' greetings.

Sincerely yours,

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General Secretary