



FEDERAL BANK RETIRED OFFICERS' FORUM (FBROF)

Registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955 (1)
No.ER.702/2009



(An Organizational Wing of Federal Bank Officers' Association)
(Affiliated to All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation - AIBPARC)
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To All Members

Continuing Social Ban Upsets The Schedule For Annual General Meeting Proposed for 27th September 2020.

Joint Meeting Postpones The AGM Till Normalcy Attained / COVID Protocol Permits.

Term of the Current Executive Committee & Office Bearers Extended Accordingly on Ad-hoc Basis.

Since the pandemic still continues the spreading of its deadly virus in a worst manner and the COVID 19 cases are increasing unabated, we have submitted a written request to the Registrar of Societies seeking his guidance for convening our AGM before 30th September 2020 with the required notice period quoting our Bye law provisions. The Registrar of Societies informed us over phone that the COVID 19 protocol still prevails and the authorities are yet to announce any relief to enable the Societies / Organisations to have physical gatherings of its members. As the social ban on assembling together by people in large numbers still continues we are compelled to formalise the way out to prevent our Forum from any legal fault being it a Registered Society functioning under the statutory provisions of the relevant Act. Under such a situation, after detailed deliberations the joint meeting of the Executive Committee along with the Zonal & Area Secretaries held online on 24th August 2020 resolved to extend the term of the current Executive Committee and the Office Bearers till normalcy attains or till alternative options enable the Forum to conduct the AGM.

The relevant Resolution passed in the joint meeting of the Executive Committee along with the Zonal Secretaries and the Area Secretaries and our letter seeking guidance from the Registrar of Societies, Kerala State are incorporated below.

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05 August 2020

To

The Registrar Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Society.
M G Road, Ernakulam

Dear Sir,

**Reg: Annual General Body meeting of Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum Regd.
No.ER.702/2009 & election of Office Bearers for the Biennial period 2020-2022**

Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum (FBROF) is a registered body with its registered office at Aluva and having a membership of about 1650 retired officers spread across all over India. We have been regularly conducting our Annual General Body meetings (AGM) and promptly filing all required documents including the audited accounts and the reports with your office. In this connection we invite your attention to the following provisions in our Bye-laws:

1. As per Clause 6A(2) of the Bye law of the Forum, AGM shall be convened within six months from the close of the respective Financial Year. As per the Act also, we are bound to submit the audited accounts and report to you within the said time-frame.
2. As per clause 6B(1), election of office bearers and committee members shall be conducted biennially in the Annual General body meeting.
3. As per the Bye-law, every eligible member is entitled to attend the AGM and take part in the election process.
4. As per Bye-law, Biennial elections are due in this year's AGM.

Accordingly, we had made arrangements to convene the General Body meeting at M G Town Hall Aluva on Sunday, 27th September 2020. However, in the present scenario of spreading of the Covid-19 pandemic and due to the COVID- 19 protocol being in force, we fear, we may not be able to convene the proposed AGM on the scheduled date also due to the following reasons.

1. M G Town Hall is now functioning as a CFLTC (Covid First Line Treatment Centre) and as such its availability is doubtful. Availability of alternate venue also is very difficult in the present scenario.
2. Minimum quorum required for the meeting as per bye law is 150 or 20% of the membership whichever is less (20% of 1650 is 330). Conducting a meeting with a minimum 150 members is against the present Covid protocols of the Government.
3. Travel facilities are not available from the various parts of the Country to enable the members to attend the conference. Moreover, the majority of members are beyond the age of 65 who are currently forbidden to travel outside their homes.
4. Even if the AGM is conducted through an on-line virtual platform (of course, with your permission), holding the biennial elections on-line is very difficult and is against the existing bye law of the Forum. As such members can even allege that the entire process is ultra vires the provisions in the Bye-laws.

You will appreciate that we are in a very precarious position; being an Organisation with good compliance culture, we seek your guidance on

- (i) convening and conducting the AGM and Elections through any legally permissible process

OR

- (ii) allowing us time up to 6 or 12 months for the same by suspending or superseding the relevant Bye-law and statutory provisions Please favour us with an early reply.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
K T Thomachan
General Secretary

Resolution to postpone the AGM of Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum scheduled on 27th September 2020

Resolution

The tenure of the current Executive Committee of Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum is 2018-20. Accordingly it was decided in the meeting of the Executive Committee held at Aluva on 28th January 2020 to convene our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 21/6/2020 at Aluva Municipal Town Hall, to present the Annual Report and Accounts and to conduct election of Office Bearers and the Executive Committee for the biennial period 2020-2022.

But unfortunately all on a sudden the COVID-19 Corona virus gripped the world over and our country was also seriously hit by the pandemic. To counter the virus and spreading of the COVID-19, lock down was imposed all over the country forcing the people stay at home and maintain social distance everywhere. All kinds of meetings and gatherings in large numbers were prohibited and transport facilities were frozen. As a result we were forced to postpone the proposed AGM. Expecting a normalcy by September we had decided in our Office Bearers' meeting held online (WhatsApp) on 27 April 2020 to hold the AGM at the same venue on 27th September 2020.

As per the indications available at present, the pandemic is going to be worse in the coming months with no signs of containing of the pandemic appeared so far. The COVID 19 protocol is likely to continue further, preventing all kinds of physical gatherings especially for the senior citizens in the coming months too. Thus under the prevailing circumstances we are unable to fix any specific date for the AGM.

Explaining these situations we have submitted a letter to the Registrar of Societies seeking his guidance as our Bye law doesn't contain any provision to conduct the AGM and the election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee online on a virtual platform. The General Secretary upon getting no reply, contacted him over phone to seek his guidance. He informed that the Government has so far not issued any instructions in this regard; he suggested orally that the best available option for the time being may be perhaps to take a decision to postpone the AGM till the situation regains normalcy and the circumstances becomes favourable to conduct the AGM as usual and to extend the tenure of the present Executive Committee accordingly till such normalcy attained or till the Government comes with directions on alternative options.

In the backdrop of the said circumstances we propose to moot the following resolution.

The Executive Committee held jointly with the Zonal Secretaries and Area Secretaries on online today the 24th of August 2020 resolves under the prevailing Covid -19 protocol to post pone the Annual General Meeting of The Federal Bank Retired Officers Forum till normalcy is attained to conduct the AGM physically as usual or otherwise with or without the currently prevailing Covid-19 protocol, to present the General Secretary's Report and Accounts and to conduct the election of Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee for the next biennial term.

It is also resolved to extend accordingly the tenure of the present Executive Committee and Office Bearers till such an AGM is convened to present the General Secretary's Report and the Accounts and to conduct the election of Office Bearers and the members of the Executive Committee.

AIBPARC News.

We are informed that the Governing Council of AIBPARC will be held online through Zoom Video conferencing on 4th September 2020 to evaluate the MOU signed between IBA and UFBU on 27th July 2020 and to formulate strategies in getting resolved issues of the Retirees. Our President Sri. Tom Thomas and your General Secretary will be participating in the meeting.

AIBPARC District Committee Meetings.

The newly elected State Committee of AIBPARC under the leadership of Sri. Tom Thomas, President and Sri. Sreekumar General Secretary has taken decision to strengthen the activities of AIBPARC at District Level .Accordingly, meetings at various districts are being taking place. We have already handed over the list of our functionaries to the state committee of AIBPARC. Our members are requested to attend such meetings and take lead role in the activities of district committees.

We are very glad to inform that following of our members are elected to various positions to lead AIBPARC district level activities.

Name	Designation	Elected as
Sri. K Ravindran	Vice-President	President of AIBPARC Ernakulam District Committee
Sri. Koshy V George	Member	Secretary of AIBPARC Pathanamthitta District Committee
Sri. Mathew Kattakayam	Zonal Secretary Kozhikode	Vice President ,Kozhikode District Committee
Sri K K Narayanan	Member	Organising Secretary, Kozhikode Dist. Committee
M/s. M T Thomas K .Satheesan	Area Secretary- KKD Member	EC Members, Kozhikode Dt. Committee

Yours comradely

Sd/-

K T Thomachan
General Secretary