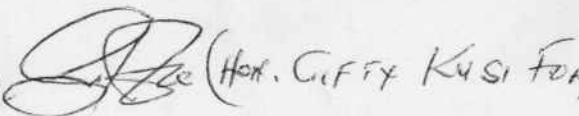


MEMORANDUM

From : National Disciplinary Committee 
To : National Executive Committee, NPP
Cc : Mr. Kwabena Agyepong, General Secretary
Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, Flagbearer
Chairman, National Council of Elders

Date : 8th December 2015

Subject : **RE: DECISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
PETITION AGAINST MR. KWABENA
AGYEPONG**

We respectfully refer to the above and present to you the decision and recommendations of the National Disciplinary Committee on the petition against Mr. Kwabena Agyepong accordingly.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

TO: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

Recommendation on the matter of complaint by Christopher Arthur, Fred Addai, Amadu Kalim, Iddrisu Musa, Owusu Ansah and Hon. K.T. Hammond (Petitioners) against Mr. Kwabena Agyepong, (General Secretary of NPP)

The complaint of the complainants is hereby attached marked "A".

JURISDICTION

The Committee considered its jurisdiction under Article 4.3 (c) of the Party's Constitution (the Constitution) which states:

"National Disciplinary Committee shall have jurisdiction in all matters affecting discipline at the national level with respect to National Executive Officers and key members of the Party including Members of Parliament, Patrons, Founding Members, Standing Committee Members and National Officers as well as others who may be referred to the National Disciplinary Committee by the National Executive Committee".

The procedure for initiation or invoking disciplinary proceedings against a member of the Party is explicitly set out in article 4 (5) (a) of the NPP constitution. This provision stipulates that:

"Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by a complaint in writing delivered to the Disciplinary Committee, in so far as the complaint relates to the affairs of the Party"

Article 4 (5) (e) also stipulates that:

'A disciplinary committee shall not be subject to the direction or control of any person in the performance of his function'.

This autonomy is for good measure and cannot be compromised being sent through any other person, body or authority who may decide to frustrate petitions.

FINDINGS

Count 1 Disregarding NEC's Decision

The Committee finds Mr. Agyepong (KAA) liable. He had held out Mr. Davis Opoku Ansah as his Special Assistant or Spokesman. His association with the gentleman is well known. KAA should have publicly disclaimed the statement. He did not do so and should accept the consequences of what his Agent is supposed to have said on his behalf. The statement gave the NPP bad press and KAA did not counteract.

Whereas the NEC had suspended Mr. Afoko, KAA could have quietly advised Mr. Afoko to stay away at the EC event. He did not do so. He facilitated Mr. Afoko's contradictory presence by giving him the official party tag etc. he is accordingly liable and should be sanctioned.

Count 2 Utterances, Media etc

We observe with a heavy heart that under the management of the Present General Secretary (GS), the utterances of the GS and bad media publicity have hurt and continue to hurt the party. The witnesses strongly echoed this. They were fully of the impression that the GS was not out to help the flagbearer achieve the ultimate for the party. The

evidence is saddening. We are of the view that the GS should be sanctioned accordingly.

Count 3 Waivers

On the testimonies of the petitioners and the GS as well as the comments from the NEC members among us plus the documentation given to us from Greater Accra, together with the decision of National Council and NEC, the GS should not have taken things mainly by himself. Let this be a lesson for the future. Applications for exemption should come from bottom-up and not top to bottom.

In Greater Accra, protest erupted because they felt Head Office was imposing the decision on them. Why give a former MP exemption (a lawyer) to compete a sitting MP? Hatred, suspicion ensued. Why give a former national officer exemption to fight a sitting MP? Up to now, the full list of exemptions etc is not known.

The fact that National Council and NEC decisions were not followed and the GS operated on his discretion, plus the unnecessary bad blood this created, render the GS liable on this Count.

Count 4 Interference with Constituency Primaries

There is doubt that if certain matters relating to qualification of candidates and attendant controversies had been left to due process as well as the Constitutional and Legal Committee, a lot of problems would not have gone hay wide.

The GS decided he had ample discretion. Adansi Asokwa, Manhyia North etc became unduly messy and the GS must accept the responsibility.

Count 5 Party Membership Cards

Mr. Arthur did the NPP great service by his testimony. From our investigations regarding the Crabbe Case (we have the power and duty to carry investigation) we learnt more. It was obvious that Mr. Crabbe did not tell the GS everything. The GS said before us he did not know of Crabbe's connection with the scheme. Mr. Arthur played a tape before the GS where GS approved the Paymanex scheme and told people to sponsor it. Indeed at one stage the GS told us he was forced to be at the launching because Mr. Afoko asked him to be there. The GS insisted the matter was exclusively the prerogative of the Chairman. It is clear that it should not have been so.

The false impression given under Chairman Afoko relating to the card and fundraising is only the business of the National Chairman and the Finance Committee should not be allowed to stand in the NPP.

NPP Members have for several months known of the controversy which raged on the matter because Messrs. Afoko, Crabbe and Agyapong have held on to their viewpoint. This means neither the Steering Committee nor NEC had power/control over the matter. They would not even resort to National Council to resolve the matter.

Some details are given below of a recording from Mr. Crabbe's interview to show how Messrs Afoko, Agyepong and Crabbe perceived the card matter.

On tape, Mr. Crabbe explained the monetary aspect of the card to which the host on OK FM said, " Ei, this is not only a membership card but also a credit card and Mr. Crabbe replied "Exactly".

On Joy FM, the host played a tape on which the National Treasurer, Mr. Abankwa was saying that as a Secretary to the Finance Committee, "nothing has been approved so it's a fraud because monies being collected do not get to the Party"

The host drew Mr. Crabbe's attention that Mr. Abankwa's assertion makes it illegal but Mr. Crabbe insisted that the Chairman, "Mr. Afoko received all the proposals from companies and selected one of them and went further to **enter into a legal agreement with that company**". So there is some legal agreement? Is it binding on the Party? This has not been seen by the Constitutional and Legal Committee. Has NEC approved? Has National council approved? In what political party can this happen?

Mr. Crabbe has told the world that fundraising is part of the process. The General Secretary had told the Committee this is not so. What is happening?

Mr. Crabbe further said: "In matters of fund-raising the Finance Committee reports to the National Chairman. Period" This perception, we believe, is dangerous. This positions by the trio made Mr. Crabbe vigorously defend the indefensible when the Secretary to the Finance Committee by Article 9(5) (a) (i) is the National Treasurer.

The Finance committee is a committee of the National Council and it is unimaginable that the committee should not be accountable to its appointing authority/appointor.

Mr. Crabbe is quoted on tape that the new card is akin to a "credit card" those who share in it stand the chance of winning credits for your mobile phone; it is a promotional venture"

How many members of NEC and National Council knew this? How many party faithful understand the full dynamics? Are we a party of accountability and responsibility in all governance?

Furthermore, if it is a mechanism which relates to finances, then it should be considered in budgetary preparation of the Party etc.

Article 9(B)(5)(iii) says: The Finance Committee shall at the beginning of each Financial Year, approve and submit for decision by the NEC budgetary estimates prepared by the National Treasurer on the running of the Party”.

If the National Treasurer, Secretary of the committee and the whole NEC cannot be part of the process which has budgetary implications, how can the work be done smoothly, efficaciously and prudently to the maximization of the party’s interest?

Article 9(c) of the NPP Constitution says:

“Subject to such directions as the National Council may issue, the NEC shall be responsible in **directing and overseeing** the operators and activities of the Party”. The NEC is the Executive body of the NPP. Underscoring this provision is the principle of collegiality and conviviality.

Finally the national Council is the highest authority of the Party and article 9 (B)(1) states:

“There shall be a National Council which, subject to the decisions of the national Delegates conferences, shall direct the affairs of the party in between National Delegates Conference, and for this purpose may give such directives to the national Chairperson as may be considered necessary for the wellbeing of the Party”.

Why did they not involve the relevant structures and everyone so we achieve our goals?

Why don't we make NEC, National Council and Standing Committee members, part and parcel of the process?

Why not launch the Party ID Cards at the party Headquarters?

When did this new culture of "hotelism" start in our party?

These are questions that engage the attention of our Party members.

Ownership of a process is one of the tenets of modern organization and success of any endeavour.

In the history of this Party, this Crabbe/Afoko/Agyepong contention is palpably unprecedented and no chairman has ever arrogated to himself anything near what is being claimed.

The GS is culpable and deserves to be sanctioned.

Count 6 Alleged Hatred for the Flagbearer

It is very sad that such a charge should arise at all in the NPP. But the exchange between Iddisu Musa and the GS is instructive. The comments made in the office of our GS by a man who appears to have a pathological hatred for the NPP flagbearer as well as the GS asking the flagbearer's picture to be taken off the wall of the adjoin office to the GS office makes one shudder. Mr. Iddrisu Musa left the office on that count and never returned.

Incidentally, during cross examination, the GS initially sought to create the impression that the incident happened before the election of the flagbearer. That failed as the chronology was clarified by Musa. GS then said it was his intention that they had to wait till a nice picture was brought.

This is part of the attitudinal posture which has apparently caused much trouble and the GS should hold himself to blame.

Count 7 Relationship with NDC/ Nana Poku/ Wife's Scholarship/Land Cruiser

We have taken note of the depth of the suspicion. It is also clear that Mrs. Agyepong is NOT on Ghana Government Scholarship as Mr. Arthur was worried about. She is officially being sponsored by Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ). Nevertheless, Mr. Agyepong testifies GIJ has only refunded one year fees out of three years spent by the family. This should put a lot of pressure on the family, apart from living and other expenses.

In all fairness to the GS, he brought a receipt of part payment from Sterling Motors on the Land Cruiser he bought and is paying for by installments. The detailed receipts showed the following: 30th May 2014 - &30,000.00; 14th July, 2014 - \$5,000.00; 29th July 2014 - \$8,000.00; 7th October, 2014 - \$15, 000.00. Total cost is \$102,000. The receipt he produced was observed as having no official stamp. Balance of \$44, 000.00 remains.

These aspects actually require further investigations. Meanwhile it is noteworthy that organisations will not allow Chief Executives to be so heavily indebted to outsiders. It is not regarded in the corporate world as healthy. The GS has repeatedly said he is not paid by the Party. No matter what happens in the future, the NPP should pay a decent salary to him. This should also be a lesson for the future.

Indeed some experts have recommended a full time Executive head on career basis for the party.

Count 8 Other Related Issues

It was advocated by the Petitioners that the Committee should consider the fact that the case against the GS is inextricably linked with that of Mr. Afoko. They did the things together. The provisions against non-discrimination were invoked accordingly.

It should nevertheless be noted that the GS decided to cooperate with the Committee and it should also be noted against the mass of other evidence leveled against him.

Count 9 Issues with Parliament

In view of a number of issues raised on primaries, exemptions and MPs financial contribution to the Party which have been withdrawn, the Minority Leader was requested to send a written statement. This was done and copy given to the GS who was examined on the comments. The GS opined that the presentation was skewed and prejudiced. Nevertheless we cannot fail to observe that bad blood developed between the MPs of the Party and the GS. Powerful elephants are fighting and the ground is suffering and weeping.

Can we rely on the GS to work effectively with our MPs who we need so badly to win the next election?

A high powered Committee of Party Elders should meet with the MPs and persuade them to come on board, work hand-in-glove with the Party, make financial contributions as before. Otherwise trouble looms.

The totality of the overwhelming evidence which is produced herein justify the GS being made to step aside in the overall interest of the NPP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the General Secretary of the NPP, Mr. Kwabena Agyepong, should be **SUSPENDED FOR 15 MONTHS.**

Second, Mr. Agyepong should be observed during the period by the National Council and counseled if he could change his ways and work in closer harmony with other persons and organs of the Party. At the end of the 15 months the National Council shall decide on what further action to take.

Third, a Committee should be set up by the National Council to investigate the Card system.

Fourth, Mr. Agyepong should be given and paid a salary for his work. National Council should decide.

Fifth, issues relating to his expenditure should be enquired into further and clarified.

The evidence which form the basis of our findings and recommendations are summarized under the various headings as hereunder.

1. Disregarding NEC's Decision

Christopher Arthur: Article 3 (d) of NPP Constitution talks about the duties of a member. This includes protecting the good name and unity of the Party, being loyal, abiding by the decisions of the Party and publicly upholding the Party's decisions.

Mr. Agyepong, (KAA) was in breach of this very important provision on which the entire political party hangs. KAA has put in contempt the NEC decision on Mr. Afoko's suspension and set a very dangerous precedent. He should obey and respect the structures of the party and he should not be allowed to tear them down. KAA allowed his spokesman to publicly condemn NEC. He did not reply. Silence means consent.

Mr. Agyepong should be dealt with as Afoko or it will amount to discrimination. He referred to Article 17 (1) of the 1992 Constitution of Ghana. He also pointed out the ethnic consequences which will harm the party permanently in the North. "Afoko should be the model"

At the recent conference of the E.C. KAA gave Mr. Afoko a tag and went to sit with Afoko. Mr. Afoko said in the presence of and with the obvious approval of Mr. Agyepong "Yes, I am here as Chairman". Mr. Agyepong was upholding him as National Chairman.

"At subsequent NEC meeting, Mr. Agyepong brought some Court process. At the meeting he said at the Steering Committee, that he had been advised and believed Mr. Afoko is still chairman and walked out".

On the issue of communication between the NPP and the EC, he and Mr. Afoko wrote to EC without consulting with Steering Committee or NEC for all to stand. He wrote: "the only authorised signatures to the EC are the General Secretary and National Chairman Afoko." Which NPP constitutional body authorised this? Why was this necessary as it had never been so before? This Committee must save the Party from further trouble.

Fred Addai: KAA has publicly challenged National Executive Committee (NEC) decision through his special assistant. He has allowed this to be done and has not challenged it at all. The statement is that KAA recognizes Mr. Afoko as National Chairman – see myjoyonline. This is undermining the party and it is against the constitution.

Amadu Kalim: Article 4(7) of the NPP Constitution provides that: Everyone should publicly uphold party policies. On Friday 23 October 2015, the NEC met on the National Disciplinary Committee

recommendation on Afoko. KAA's Executive Assistant publicly denigrated NEC. Mr. Agyepong never gave disclaimer.

On 29 October 2015 KAA said on live TV that he recognised Afoko as still NPP Chairman.

Responses/Questions/Comments

Mr. Agyepong:

- I have not conducted any interview with Joy FM. My spokesperson gave an interview. Myjoyonline is somebody's report. There is no evidence of my voice. I have not authorised anyone. He is my Executive Assistant but I did not tell him to say what he said.
- The E.C. forum, I came separately and I could not walk out the National Chairman. When I was served, I felt I had to inform him about the meeting. I passed on information as I was deemed to do.
- At the NEC, someone told people around that I wanted to stop the meeting. They attacked me. Broke my windscreen as General Secretary, I had to convey that message because, after all, my father was a judge and I understand these things.

Madam Busia: Did you read your spokesperson's interview?

Mr. Agyepong: Yes. But I did not authorise him.

Madam Busia: Did you react?

Mr. Agyepong: No.

Madam Busia: He is your spokesperson. He spoke on this important matter which breaches our constitution. You did not contradict him. I see.

Mr. Agyepong: No answer.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: Who is currently the National Chairman or Ag. National Chairman?

Mr. Agyepong: Mr. Freddy Blay. I don't agree with the decision, but I accept it. Like the flagbearer said regarding the Supreme Court case. My staff is intimidated. There is a security situation here.

Madam Busia: You gave Mr. Afoko a tag after suspension at the EC meeting?

Mr. Agyepong: I could not drive him away.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: Why do you think there have been so much trouble in your time?

Mr. Agyepong: There has been a grand scheme against us because some people see us as "Anti-Akufo Addo".

Dr. Addo Kufuor: You could have avoided this by working collegially with NEC as the Constitution provides.

Mr. Agyepong: I did my best in the circumstances.

Madam Busia: Why didn't you come out to disclaim the statement of your spokesperson?

Mr. Agyepong: I have been asked by many people to keep quiet. At one time even Hon. Dr. Addo Kufuor advised me about speaking publicly on party matters.

Hon. Kusi: What you are saying now is that you don't admit or accept the statement attributed to you?

No answer.

Madam Busia: Do you agree you should have come out? It was a very serious statement on matters concerning the party.

Mr. Agyepong: I did not come out. A lot of things were happening.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: Afoko has spoken today he is still Chairman. What do you say?

Mr. Agyepong: I still say the constitution makes it not right that he should be removed.

2. Utterances, Media etc

Iddrisu Musa: Various comments and pronouncements by GS on radio and in public make the Party unpopular, creates confusion and do not promote the person who should be voted for in order that NPP comes to power. His spokesman's comments on radio disrespected the NEC. He said he still considered Mr. Afoko as chair, after NEC decision. This is

captured by "myjoyonline.com" Mr. Agyapong did not come out to counter this statement.

The GS went on radio and denigrated the Presidential candidate. "That the GS had been sidelined; that in going to Akropong, the convoy passed as he was at Peduase; that if he did not sign our parliamentary candidates cannot file, not even the Presidential candidate.

The GS said he would expose evil doers in NPP. Who are the evil doers? Our people were there after denigrated by the NDC. I feel hurt and sad.

His pronouncements on radio: Kumasi fufu eating episode', his threat of not signing documents of candidates to EC, and even the flagbearer all brought the name of the party into disrepute.

Christopher Arthur: Media utterances have always been inimical since the election of Mr. Agyepong. They have been inimical towards our flagbearer. We all feel today he has bad motive towards the flagbearer. He has himself to blame for this negative view held by the youth of the Party.

He came out publicly in many ways:

- During "Arise and Build Tour", he was not allowed to join the flagbearer.
- Regarding our accounts he came out publicly about financial misdoing, secret account etc when this was a matter for internal party enquiry by a committee.
- On visit to Oseadeeyo's death (Akropong), he complained publicly on radio the convoy passed him by when he could simply have

joined. We can't win election with this. People speaking badly of us.

- He said on Joy FM "I know my enemies...I will face them squarely...Those who want to end my political career should know they need my signature to file their papers...even including the flagbearer". Who was he referring to? Why all the bad press? Why outside? We are worried about election year!

Amadu Kalim: Mr. Agyepong's utterances against the flagbearer: Bad-mouthing flagbearer. He alleged flagbearer had not informed him of certain movements. He had advised Nana not to spend so much time in Volta Region but this was not heeded. Why say this in public? Is that the way to help the one person who people will vote for so that we win power? Why tell the public about the convoy to Akropong?

Responses/Questions/Comments

KAA: The signing of papers had nothing to do with the flagbearer. We were speaking on Parliamentary level. People should not be speaking like that. Regarding the FuFu matter, it was not an interview. It was supposed to be off air.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: As a leader, you must be careful especially as GS of a political party. If I were you I will be worried why there are so many petitions against me and why there are so many complaints about my leadership.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: On Joy FM you said ‘those who want to end my political career, I will face them squarely’ you think we are part of those who want to do that to you?

Mr. Agyepong: No, I think you rise above that.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: Did you say you will expose evil doers in the NPP? How many evil doers in the NDC have you exposed?

Mr. Agyepong: I spoke about “evil people” because people were saying bad things about me all over. I exposed NDC evil doers even in the media.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: You should not be saying outside there are evil doers in the party.

3. Waivers

Christopher Arthur: Another decision which harmed the Party was with waivers for Parliamentary Elections. Mr. Agyepong, contrary to the official decision of the National Council, gave these waivers without reference to the party structures. These created confusion, bad press all over – including Brong Ahafo, Greater Accra, Ashanti and so forth. If we take this practice to election year, the youth are worried. NPP will not be attractive and we lose. Because of the decisions of the General Secretary, our MPs are no more backing the party with the money they were giving. This is very serious.

Iddrisu Musa: The GS granted waivers unilateral. The National Council did not give the GS the power he later assumed. In Greater

In Accra, I had supported Adjetey because I felt he could win for the party.

The Alhaji Bamba's case was necessary. He had helped the party before as the national organizer. I was only providing a service for the good of the party.

Alhaji Short: "That is not correct. I was there. NEC agreed that if there are certain constituencies where elections should be postponed, the Region should inform the General Secretary upon the request of a constituency and liaise with him. The constituencies where monies are paid are to send request to the General Secretary through the Region where necessary and then it will be acted upon. After all the constituencies know these problems best".

Both Alhaji Short and Hon. Kusi (another NEC member) pointed out to Mr. Agyepong that the issue of waiver was not left to Mr. Agyepong.

Hon. Kusi: "If you deal with individuals by show of discretion, don't you create confusion? NEC never decided to leave waivers to the General Secretary. Never".

Mr. Agyepong: The Volta Region Chairman said the Region is such that the possible candidates could not pay GH□10,000. My view is that when the issue arose the General Secretary should be consulted on who should give waiver.

Alhaji Short: "Individuals cannot consult the General Secretary as such. In the past there were occasions where in Volta and Upper Regions, at the close of nomination no candidates came up. Then later, the Constituencies, Region and National considered what to do. Until nomination closes how do you tell genuine inability to pay"?

Mr. Agyepong: The only waiver I granted in Greater Accra was in Obom Domeabra. I also granted a few in Brong Ahafo and not to many places.

Hon Kusi: "The fact is that when the Constituency finds it necessary, they should consult the Region and then you are approached and a decision taken with the Region's involvement. You cannot know directly. The Constituency Executive should bring it up to the Region and the General Secretary informed because the General Secretary is not on the ground. This was the decision. Is that not so?"

Mr. Agyepong: No Response.

Musa: The issue of the waivers; was it in your bosom to grant the waivers without discussing with NEC which is responsible for day to day management? You issue waiver to someone who had left the party and come back to contest. (Accra, Obom Domiebra)

Mr. Agyepong: I was later told he resigned. Adjetey, I was told by those who came with them but he did not tell me.

Musa: I challenge the GS to make minutes of the steering committee meeting on waivers. It was never discussed.

4. Interference with Constituency Primaries

Fred Addai: Mr. Agyepong has personally interfered with constituency primaries which have harmed the party by creating confusion and disaffection.

In Manhyia North, my place, there was peace before but it is now in turmoil. We had a problem and was looked into by the Tedam Committee. At one stage the problems arising from our dispute went to court. However, consent judgment was arrived at. Every group benefited from this consent judgment in that we were allowed to vote at the Presidential Primaries. A faction, having taken advantage of the Court's judgment, went to Supreme Court for certiorari to quash the consent judgment. The Court heard and dismissed application 5 – 0.

After this, all the documents were brought to Mr. Agyepong to act on the part of the judgment ordering fresh elections. He refused. Rather Mr. Agyepong ordered Manhyia North (October 2) to go and organize elections for Parliamentary candidate based on the old album. The directive of Mr. Agyepong was that under a Certificate of Urgency, Manhyia North, Kumawu and Adansi Asokwa should organize their elections.

Press Release: "The Steering Committee of the NPP at its meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2015 made some decisions on behalf of the NEC under a certificate of urgency. The meeting decided that the underlisted should hold their delayed parliamentary primaries on Sunday

11th October 2015 – Kumawu, Manhyia North, Adansi Asokwa. The Constituency Election Committees and aspirants in the aforementioned constituencies are to take note accordingly.”

The following day on Fox Fm, the letter was confirmed by Sam Pyne, Regional Secretary who had received the letter and was going to go by the directives. The vetting was organised by F.F. Anto and others. The people went to court for an injunction. Or, the directive would have been carried out.

Owusu Ansah: At Kumawu Constituency, Polling Station elections never took place. People were handpicked and there were threats to fight. They took it to Court. The High Court ruled we should go and vote again as the Election Committee ruled. The High court said the first election did not take place. Court Ruling came that we should also take part in the presidential primaries and after that the NPP Executives should conduct fresh elections. Agyepong refused.

As a result, contempt application was brought against Afoko and KAA. They only escaped when they assured they would conduct fresh elections. At that stage, we withdrew the application in Open Court. Then KAA refused to conduct the election.

KAA sent Basoa to do vetting for the Parliamentary primaries. We told EC about the Court’s judgment. The Supreme Court said new album should be made. Party should open nomination

He should be suspended. He allowed Amankwa to start the whole case afresh. Appiah-Kubi went and KAA sent someone else.

If he had allowed the judgment of the Supreme Court decision to stand, there would have been no problem. The peace is what we want.

This thing has never happened in the party before since Busia's time. We never had a General Secretary who had caused so much confusion before.

We were expecting the party to do a new album. So why did KAA ask for new nomination to open? He did it by his own authority. The General Secretary's letter was only to stop the contempt.

Hon. K.T Hammond: KAA had discriminated against me on matters relating to Parliamentary primaries at Adansi Asokwa Constituency. There were 12 appeals. Why did you single out me? You have been arbitrary. Please give me the official judgment. When I said these he said: "Direct your enquiry to the cemetery"

He had misrepresented the true state of affairs to NEC. I told Afoko I would go to Court. I had petitioned NEC. He said I should wait.

KAA caused announcement to be made for election to be held.

Notice Dated 15/10/2015

When matter was pending at NEC level yet he wrote fixing date for election. I wrote protesting. All my letters ignored. There were attempts to conduct election in my constituency.

Matter taken to NEC – Steering Committee had asked for elections. Wanted to conduct primaries in Asokwa when matter was still before NEC and the Appeals Board.

Refers to Rules and Regulations on the Election. Page 12 – Vetting Appeal Processes. “NVAB judgment shall be final and shall not be contested”

Christopher Arthur: Another aspect of Unilateral Decision-making by Mr. Agyepong is Primaries Affairs. There was, for example, an issue in Sunyani East. After the Parliamentary primaries election, the EC declared the results without any challenge. Mr. Agyepong rubbished the results and cancelled it. When a case arose out of it, the EC went and defended itself. Mr. Agyepong swore an affidavit which in effect was backing the trouble makers and creating dissent. He had appointed lawyers without referring the case to the Constitutional and Legal Committee. We heard in the news that two lawyers had clashed. Very bad.

Responses/Questions/Comments

Chairman: Are there any outstanding constituencies for Primaries?

Mr. Agyepong: Yes, 9 constituencies

Mr. Agyepong: I never engaged in ‘personal’ interference regarding Adansi Asokwa; the Appeals Committee at the national level, disqualified Anane. I submitted report to NEC. The latter decided that there should be primaries I had no bias whatsoever.

Regarding Manhyia North, I came to inherit the problem. I had no special interest in it. Juaben was successful. I had no intention to

undermine due process in the party. In fact I intended to uphold due process. In Manhyia the matter is gone back to Court. I have not engaged in any personal interference in those constituencies.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: Is NEC aware they have been deceived?

Hon. Hammond: I have said this in paragraph 22 of my petition. From what I have gathered NEC did not know they were misinformed.

Mr. Agyepong: I just presented the report. NEC decided. Steering Committee was not misled. NEC was 19th August. Ashanti Regional Chairman was there. I only showed the report. Other people made arguments – if we don't support what the Ashanti Region Party was saying, then we are in trouble. Therefore a political decision was taken.

Hon. Hammond: He then asked that we go and see Mr. Afoko whether he would consider my plea. When we got there, Mr. Afoko said "But Kwabena you are not being fair to your friend. If the board has disqualified the man, let it be".

Mr. Agyepong: On rejection of Sunyani Report, I said where there are less than 5 votes there should be re-count. I did it across board. The EC was in charge. But I had to assist. "I told EC to have ballot papers re-counted before declaration because the difference is one vote". When they went to Court, we were in favour of recount. I nominated a lawyer in Kumasi to go and do it. It was a simple matter of recount.

Chairman: Does complainant have anything more to say?

Owusu Ansah: After the case was adjudicated upon by the Court, the MP and his people took up the matter to Supreme Court for certiorari. They lost. At one time Lawyer Joyce Opoku Boateng was acting for the

party before Lawyer Appiah-Kubi came in. At the Supreme Court Mr. Afoko swore an affidavit to support the faction who refused to obey the Court Order. This was sworn 26th October 2015 when Mr. Afoko had been suspended on 23 October. Justice Apau expressed his surprise about this in open Court. People started laughing at the NPP and the media ridiculed us. Mr. Kwabena Agyepong, to help achieve Mr. Afoko's aim has since sworn an affidavit to support in place of Mr. Afoko.

Mr. Agyepong : We never authorised Andy Appiah-Kubi to represent the party.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: do you have confidence in the impartiality of this Committee?

Mr. Agyepong: I have some objections to put on record but I am prepared to go on. I think the National Disciplinary Committee cannot be petitioned directly. He refers to Article 4 (3) (d) of NPP Constitution.

My understanding is that a complaint should be filed with the General Secretary who should examine if there is a prima facie case before referring it to the National Disciplinary Committee. I stand by the letter I wrote to the committee earlier.

Hon. Kusi's nomination should have been approved by the National Council.

5. Party Membership Cards

Christopher Arthur: Mr. Agyepong, Mr. Afoko and Mr. Crabbe launched the party card without recourse to the party structures. He referred to Memo dated 31 July 2015 "Issuance of Party Membership Cards". Details included Name of Natasha Cofie, Airtel No. He continued: "we made personal calls the reply was that she was under the instruction of Mr. Agyepong to do so" (ie carry out the operation).

"Who authorised Agyepong?"

Who is Natasha?

How much has been paid so far?

Why not fully involve Steering Committee, NEC etc and avoid all the confusion? Mr. Agyepong style will always bring trouble.

Mr. Agyepong launched this controversial project when the flagbearer was touring the nation in a major effort. The controversy gave NPP bad press and the negative issue occupied the media. If we keep like this our campaign will not take off.

Meanwhile the National Treasurer Mr. Abankwa issued a statement to counter Mr. Agyepong saying the company Mr. Agyepong was promoting had not been concluded by NEC and advised the public not to go with it. If only the Steering Committee and NEC had decided on this as our Constitution requires, this would not have happened. Decisions should be taken collectively by NEC.

Arthur: Have you tried to find out.

Mr. Agyepong: No.

Arthur: We have heard you clearly on tape. You said: "We officially recognise the web centre. You said yourself and the party supported it as official and recommending it. National Treasurer had declared it illegal. You supported the thing. And you don't know who is connected with it? This is a deal the party has not approved. Only Afoko, Crabbe and you had been part of it.

Mr. Agyepong: I have been honest in all my dealings on this.

Arthur: who advised him that the injunction be heeded that is you referred the advice of lawyers at NEC that this was not an injunction. Now you are working with NEC while that case still going on.

Mr. Agyepong: I just informed the Steering Committee and left. Once we have a judicial process we respect it.

Arthur: There was a Finance Committee meeting he referred to. What was the date?

Mr. Agyepong: I was at the meeting on 10 August 2015 letter dated 18th August 2015.

Chairman: Mr. Agyepong, do you have anything else to say?

Mr. Agyepong: I have said all I want to say.

Chairman: Why not work with and cooperate with others? Is the card matter settled?

Mr. Agyepong: No answer

6. Alleged Hatred for the Flagbearer

Iddrisu Musa: The General Secretary has some super hatred for the Presidential Candidate. I worked for the GS in his campaign and helped him win the election. In fact I used to like him very much till so many things happened. When GS won, I joined him in the office as an assistant. About November 2014, I brought the picture of Nana Akufo Addo and placed it in my office. You go through my office, to enter the office of the GS. When GS saw the picture he was angry and ordered me to take off the picture. I did not and GS ordered Aminu to bring the picture down. I was so shocked and disappointed about the attitude towards our common flagbearer that I left the office and never went back to work there ever since. His behaviour clearly showed and confirmed that he GS was not interested in NPP project.

Responses/Questions/Comments

Q. What is your designation in the NPP now? In the campaign?

A. I work with Nana Addo as aide.

Q. How did you get introduced to me before working with me?

A. You called me.

Q. It was Nyaho-Tamakloe who recommended you to me and we went round the country.

A. Yes

Q. When we won I made you an Executive Assistant.

A. I was Special Assistant

Q. When we took office there was no Presidential Candidate. We took office in April. Election of Presidential Candidate was in October 2014 so how can Nana Addo's picture be an issue?

A. The issue about the picture happened in November 2014 when Nana Addo had been elected. I gave the date in my petition.

Q. I don't hate Nana Addo. I want you to know there is a good relationship between me and him. We have had several private dinners. We speak almost on a daily basis. I am saddened by the conclusion by someone who served me during my campaign- all based on one incident. In my personal office in Kanda, Nana's picture has been there since 2010.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: Kwabena, do you have Nana's picture in your office now?

Ans. Yes

Mr. Agyapong: The picture That Musa is talking about, I said :we do not have a formal picture of the flagbearer now in the office. Let us wait to have an official one before it is put there. On that occasion that Musa Superior is talking about, I said take that picture away and I left". It was later that I heard that he had not reported to the office since that day and then I kept hearing rumours etc. I had not dismissed him and even had never said a word about him. I leant he returned his salary to the treasurer and said he has stopped work and cannot take the salary.

7. Relationship with NDC/ Nana Poku/ Wife's Scholarship/Land Cruiser Matters.

Christopher Arthur: Concerning dealings with the NDC, it is strongly suspected Mr. Agyepong has compromised himself. His relationship with President Mahama's brother is a problem as he occupies a sensitive

position. Does he remember how Dr. Josiah Ayerh was suspended by the NDC?

Iddrisu Musa: On matters relating to Nana Poku. From the moment I joined the office I had cause to worry about this man, Nana Poku, and his close association with GS and the things he said about Nana Addo. At one time GS described him as his "Special Aide". I did not understand. Nana Poku had the audacity to once ask me in the office: "How is that your Taliban terrorist?"

I asked him "Who?"

He replied "Akufo Addo"

I told him real off"

Witness showed picture of Nana Poku with GS and Afoko.

Nana Poku is a very close associate of Ibrahim Mahama. I am convinced that if such a person is very close to even polling station officer, it is dangerous. I have heard a lot of allegations but will not go into those areas. But a person in a position as NPP GS should have been very cautious. A man who is totally against the party's one and only candidate for now and at the same time so close to our GS with free access to his office, home etc. is a dangerous matter.

Responses/Questions/Comments

Mr. Agyepong: I bought Land Cruiser from Sterling Motors on 30 May 2014 I paid \$50,000; 14 July 2014 \$5,000; 29 July 2014 \$8,000 but not finished. Total cost is \$102,000.

He showed some receipts of part-payment.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: These documents have not been stamped.

Mr. Agyepong: No answer.

Dr. Addo-Kufuor: “How do you pay \$50,000 without stamping?”

Mr. Agyepong: This is what I have.

Chairman: Everything is in your wife’s name.

Mr. Agyepong: Yes I put everything in my wife’s name.

Prof. Oquaye: How did you raise the money to pay what is paid and how are you going to pay the rest?

Mr. Agyepong: I have been Press Secretary for years. You see, since I became General Secretary, I have not been paid a cent. The party has no money. I manage myself.

Mr. Agyepong: My wife’s is a lecturer at Ghana Institute of Journalism (GIJ). This is not a Government of Ghana Scholarship or GETFund. The school has its own funds. She applied and got it 2012. March 1, 2012 letter from GIJ application approved.

GIJ approved sponsorship in a letter to the British High Commission for visa to be given. We have been paying small, small as family. A letter dated 21st January 2015 by Mrs. Agyepong demanding refund.

So far, every money spent on that education has been family money. GIJ has refunded for only the 3rd year. 1st and 2nd years are outstanding. She is under the full sponsorship of GIJ at the moment.

Dr. Addo Kufuor to Musa: “How about this issue of Ibrahim paying to destroy us?”

Musa: I made a lot of investigations. Nana Poku is key. Therefore if he is so close to General Secretary there is cause for concern. He comes to General Secretary anytime. Nana Poku is said to be connected with Opuni.

Madam Busia: You know Opuni has close relation with Nana Poku.

Mr. Agyepong: Yes.

Madam Busia: Being NPP General Secretary and this guy meddles with all these people do you think it is safe for you

Mr. Agyepong: These days you don't know where the danger comes from.

Madam Busia: I won't entertain him.

Mr. Agyepong: people have personal friends who are not NPP.

Prof. Oquaye: Please clarify the scholarship matter.

Mr. Agyepong: January 2009 she went to GIJ as Lecturer. She had completed her masters. GIJ became University therefore people should seek PhD. She applied to Leicester and got it. She got letter and sponsorship by GIJ. University gave scholarship but was to take time to come. Around 23rd February 2012 we paid as family before GIJ was going to pay. Later GIJ paid 3rd year. 1st and 2nd years still in arrears by way of GIJ paying back to Agyepongs. These relate to fees.

Chair and Musa: Nana Poku is unemployed. He is a connection man. Last year he was in trouble with police over GH¢22,700 matter. Going to get vehicle for the man.

Hon. Kusi: Why did you go to show your car to Afoko? He was suspended.

Mr. Agyepong: He is a friend.

Hon. Kusi: You say you did not report yourself but told driver to do so. Why take it public? Why make it public?

Mr. Agyepong: Media were here – I wanted police to have it on record. Criminal behavior.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: Will you like to make a public statement you will always work with NEC?

Mr. Agyepong: I have always done so. I announced Afoko is suspended after National Council meeting.

Mr. Agyepong: Nana Poku is my social friend. People have talked about him being close to Ibrahim Mahama. That is Nana Poku's business. Ibrahim never bought me a car. I have never stepped in Ibrahim's House. He is Anti Joyce Tamakloe's son and we all grew up in the same area. I have been President Kufour's press secretary. There were no leaks in the presidency.

Dr. Addo- Kufuor: In view of the closeness between Nana Poku and Ibrahim, why don't you keep your distance?

KAA: My relation with Nana Poku can't have any effect. What secrets do we have that we are talking about? I want to put on record that my 4 by 4 and my wife's scholarship have nothing to do with Ibrahim Mahama

MUSA: "He cannot say there are no party secrets. There are" As GS he should not say that"

Chairman: How many cars do you see in Kwabena's house?

MUSA: Infinity, saloon and white land Cruiser wrecked in accident.

8. Other Related Issues

Iddrisu Musa: Regarding the car of the GS, he made a report to the police showing the glass was badly damaged beyond what it took place.

We cannot ignore the tribal issues. I am a northerner. This matter is about Afoko and Agyapong. We should not attempt to pretend. I have been getting a lot of calls from fellow northerners. We should be careful

and take fair and firm decisions. I am not happy the way the G.S conducts himself.

I have to say that I am absolute convinced that the GS is not interested in the present project of the NPP.

The GS is unfit for purpose and his continuous occupation of one of the most crucial offices of the party is unhelpful to our common agenda of winning the 2016 Presidential and parliamentary elections.

Responses/Questions/Comments

Windscreen

KAA: Fati smashed my windscreen. Windscreen smashing takes time to spread. When I got down later, it came off. I did not report the matter to the police myself. My driver did so. Before then, I took the car to President Kufour's house and then to Mr. Afoko's house.

Hon. Gifty Kusi: You said you took the car to Mr Afoko's, the suspended chairman's house. Why did you do that? You also said your driver went to the Police station to report. Did he do that under your instruction?

KAA. I went to President Kufour's House before Mr. Afoko's.

Q. Why did you go there?

KAA. He is my friend. I wanted to show him what had happened. I also instructed my driver to go and report because he was in the car when the smashing happened.

KAA: There is no letter to a bank to try and take anybody's name from the party's bank mandates.

Resignation.

People faked a resignation letter on my name and put it on the internet. It's as if people had sat down and planned the whole thing.

Regarding the EC matter, I was outside when it happened, I never withheld any information. It was the time when the Chairman was suspended. Meanwhile we have since given the appropriate response to the EC and no damage has been done.

Madam Busia: when Mr. Tetteh was leaving office on the 22nd October, was the letter there?

Ans: Yes

Chairman: Mr Agyepong, is that all?

Ans: Yes

Examination by Complainant.

- Mr. Agyepong knows the principle of disclaimer. After thought.
- Mr. Agyepong's real action was to acknowledge Mr. Afoko at the meeting.
- Mr. Agyepong could not give waivers alone. Nobody can.
- Benjamin Adjetey resigned from the party in 2011, Obom Domeabra. Is he the same person given the waiver?

I say it was a unilateral decision. Greater Accra Regional Chairman kicked against the waiver. It was done unilaterally.

- Legal matters should be referred to the Committee which had been handled it for so long.

- On the issue of secret accounts which he was aware of. Why go on radio?
- Has he been invited to Police CID?
- Is he aware of Baah Achamfour?

Answers

KAA: Constitutional and Legal committee is not to handle all legal matters.

Madam Busia: It is not clearly stated but this is the convention since beginning of the Party. Tell us why you decided otherwise.

KAA: Where the matter is just for recount, no need to get the Constitutional and Legal Committee. Adjetey Adjei I don't know. He made a case and I helped. I did so in the interest of the Party. In some cases I paid monies out of my pocket.

Chairman: Do you know about his previous resignation?

KAA: I did not know at first.

Chairman: Why did you not involve the Region? You would have known.

KAA: I wanted to help in good faith.

Chairman: Did you allow attaché on flagbearer?

KAA: Not at all. People said so wrongly. All these were to attack me personally. I don't know the boys. Baah Achamfour I didn't know him personally. I once called him and warned him against speaking against the flagbearer.

Dr. Addo Kufuor: How did the Greater Accra matter end?

KAA: After the Adjetey waiver there was a demonstration and Deputy Secretary came out to say things against me. How can you do that?

KAA: The Chairman and General Secretary must decide on the matter. That is the view we took. We have discretion to decide which lawyer does cases for the NPP. This is the reason why in the case of Akufo Addo and NPP V. John Mahama and Electoral Commission (Supreme Court Case), the lawyers in the case for the candidate and the party were not determined by the Constitutional and Legal Committee but by the flagbearer and the Chairman of the Party.

Madam Busia: Apart from that peculiar case, there is no other such case. I know the history of the Party very well. And in that case, the person who was really entitled to sue was the flagbearer.

Written Evidence by the Minority Leader

Minority Leader was written to, to present a written information on matters relating to Parliament and the General secretary.

His memo is reproduced below:

MEMORANDUM

From : Hon. Minority Leader
To : Chairman, National Disciplinary Committee
Date : 2nd December, 2015
Subject : **RE: COMPLAINT AGAINST MR. KWABENA
AGYEPONG. MATTERS RELATING TO PARLIAMENT**

1. I, Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu, am the Minority Leader and a member of Steering Committee. After the Tamale Conference which elected the Afoko-led administration three (3) Steering Committee meetings were held without me till I barged in to introduce Ranking Members on one occasion. I protested vehemently and told the meeting that to the extent that they had ignored to invite me, all outcomes of the meetings are null and void.

2. The matter of appointing Deputies became an unnecessary problem. Appointment of Deputies for the office holders of the NPP are:

- General Secretary 2
- National Organiser 2

- Womens Organiser 2
- Youth Organiser 2

Messrs Crabbe and Agyepong and the Chair met and decided they would appoint deputies for the rest of the members of the Executive.

I warned against it at a Steering Committee when the Chair, backed by the 2nd Vice-Chair and the General Secretary, insisted that he would make the appointments. I advised against the Chairman's stance on account of previous occurrences and cited the case of the Women's Organiser under the Jake Obetsebi Lamptey-led administration. I insisted that the incumbent office bearers should be allowed to propose their deputies, which must then be subjected to critical appraisal by the Steering Committee.

Several meetings were held but this otherwise simple matter could not be resolved until Nana Akufo Addo got elected. The matter protracted for more than six months after the election of the national officers.

At a Steering Committee meeting the then newly-elected Presidential Candidate supported the involvement of the office bearers in the appointment of their deputies and agreed that the decision could not be the preserve of the Chair or, indeed, one person. It was at that point that the trio caved in and persons nominated were discussed and approved based on regional and gender considerations among others. All the office bearers had to make adjustments in the list before approval was given by the Steering Committee for onward relay to the NEC. The General Secretary is the only person who insisted that he would not make any further adjustment on the list he submitted. Since the General Secretary would not agree, the 2nd Deputy General Secretary has not been appointed to date.

Even when NEC in consultation with the National Council had made nominations in November 2014, the General Secretary sent letters only in May 2015. When questioned, the General Secretary brushed aside by jokingly insisting that as General Secretary he must be allowed some room to operate.

3. OPARE HAMMOND ISSUE.

Initially, the General Secretary insisted he should appoint the Director of Finance and Administration, insisting that that officer worked directly to him. This was a matter of contention. Not having his way, he made Hon Opare Hammond to proceed on leave. He then brought in Mr. Tetteh. There was a clear impropriety in the conduct of the General Secretary in that matter. Notwithstanding, Opare Hammond was prevailed upon to step aside for some compensation to be paid to him. The reason was that, recognizably, the environment and relationship had been so much poisoned that even if he came back it was going to be impossible to work effectively. More than five months after Opare Hammond had stepped aside, the General Secretary would not afford the former access to the compensation granted him.

4. The party's constitution provides that when not in power the election of the party's Presidential Candidate shall be held not later than twenty four (24) months from the date of the national election. The date and venue shall be decided by the National Council. The majority of the Steering Committee Members decided that the Constitutional provision must be respected. It was obvious that the Chairman and the General Secretary wanted the date to be varied but because the rest of the Steering Committee disagreed they were clearly purposed not to convene a National Council Meeting to make that determination.

The Council, when it was eventually convened, decided that each constituency must be supported with one thousand Ghana cedis (GH¢1,000). After Council had taken that decision there was foot-dragging to hold the primaries because, according to the Chair and the General Secretary, there was no money to transmit to the constituencies. The party needed GH¢275,000 for the 275 constituencies i.e GH¢1,000 to each constituency. The parliamentary group undertook to provide for their various backyards, which figure came up to GH¢123,000 plus an additional fifteen (15) constituencies, bringing their total contribution to Gh¢138,000. Nana Akufo Addo raised the additional GH¢137,000 to cater for the remaining 137 constituencies. That enabled the presidential primaries to be held.

5. The General Secretary, acting on the instruction of the Chairman, summoned Steering Committee and NEC meetings without any Agenda. At meetings it was only the Chair and General Secretary who had the Agenda on a paper which they strived to hide from others. This became controversial and generated a lot of bad blood all long.

6. CESSATION OF MPS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL PARTY

In the lead up to the NPP parliamentary primaries, most of the MPs had started complaining about potential aspirants most of who had not made any significant contribution to the party and who had invaded their backyards and had started spreading themselves out in an attempt to remove them (the sitting MPs).

The MPs complained about this to the party and the party assured to device a scheme to continue most of the MPs in the next parliament in recognition of the significant contributions that the MPs were making to the sustenance of the party. Unfortunately, as it turned out, not only did

the party not do anything to "protect" the MPs, but some of the party officers were themselves involved in scheming to oust some of the MPs.

At a Steering Committee meeting a decision was taken to involve university lecturers sympathetic to the NPP to cause the conduct of an impartial research on the competence, credibility and popularity of the various MPs in the various constituencies in order to establish a list of MPs that the party would facilitate their continuance in office.

The Minority Leader was asked to contact the dons at KNUST who were to cover Ashanti and Brong Ahafo regions and also link up with their counterparts at UDS to cover the three Northern regions. The Minority Leader did his part and contacted the KNUST group.

The Chairman of the party, Mr. Paul Afoko, undertook to contact University of Ghana, Legon, to deal with Greater Accra, Eastern and Volta and charge them to link up with their counterparts in Winneba and Cape Coast Universities to cover Central and Western regions. It turned out the Chairman did not do anything. It became crystal clear that the Chairman and the General Secretary, in particular, were merely resorting to subterfuge and were purposed not to do anything to support the MPs. This became all the more manifest when the two of them stated at a subsequent Steering Committee Meeting, when the KNUST group submitted their costed draft programme, that the party was not in the position to cater for the cost of the project.

At a Caucus Meeting of the parliamentary party, Members were briefed about these developments and the Members took a decision to terminate contribution of the Caucus to the National party. It is instructive to state that at that meeting only one Member, who had indicated prior to that meeting not to contest, spoke in favour of continuing the payment to the

national party. The decision was taken in February 2015 and since then the parliamentary party has stopped transmitting monies to the national party for the upkeep of the national secretariat.

In many cases, it was clearly felt that the General Secretary had a personal interest in particular constituencies. For instance, he stated at a Steering Committee meeting that he had keen personal interest in the parliamentary primaries of certain constituencies, including, especially, the Minority Leader's constituency and the Akropong constituency. I was not at that meeting. At the next Steering Committee Meeting, which happened after the conduct of the primaries, the General Secretary re-stated to me (the Minority Leader) that he knew I might have been told but he was reiterating to me that he had keen personal interest in my constituency. In other words, he wanted me to have been deselected. This led me to offer some lessons to the General Secretary about his political incorrectness.

7. WAIVERS

In respect of waivers granted to certain categories of contestants, the party at a National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting decided to grant special dispensation to the following:

1. Incumbent Members of Parliament in recognition of their support to the party;
2. Women contestants in order to encourage many women to contest the parliamentary primaries;
3. Young persons not above forty (40) years in order to inspire the younger generation and also in recognition of the fact that not too many of them could afford the defined payment; and

4. Persons with disability in order to afford them opportunities to favourably to compete in the political arena.

Neither the Chairman, General Secretary or any officer of the party was given any authority by the NEC to grant any dispensation to any person or category of persons outside these four.

In the event, the dispensation granted by the General Secretary outside the above groups had no legitimacy. Instructively, at a subsequent Steering Committee Meeting when the matter about what he had done which was not sanctioned by the party was raised, he stated, that in respect of Alhaji Mouctar Bamba who contested Prof. Gyan-Baffour the incumbent at Wenchi, he (Alhaji Bamba) had served as a National Organiser and that he (the General Secretary) deemed it appropriate to grant him a waiver. In the case of the others the General Secretary jokingly averred that "as a General Secretary he should be allowed to exercise his authority a bit".

Clearly, the General Secretary went overboard in implementing the succinct and unambiguous directives of the NEC and his discretionary actions had no legitimacy.

8. After the suspension of the Chairman by NEC which has since been upheld by the Council upon petition by the suspended Chair, the language of summoning meetings has changed. When Mr. Paul Afoko was the Chair, summons to meetings, Council, NEC or Steering Committee from the General Secretary bore the name of the Chairman in conformity with Article 9 (D)(ii) of the party's constitution.

The notices read: "Please TAKE NOTICE that by order of the National Chairman the Steering Committee will meet...." Signed, Director of Finance and Administration.

After the suspension of Chairman Afoko and the assumption of office by the 1st Vice Chair as the Acting Chairman, the language of the summons has changed and it now reads: "Please be informed that the Steering Committee will Meet...." Signed: General Secretary.

The inference is obvious. First, the General Secretary has no authority to summon meetings of Council, or NEC or Steering Committee on his own. That he has decided to issue the summons in his name means that he does not recognize the authority of Mr. Freddie Blay as the Acting Chairman.

KAA RESPONSE TO MINORITY LEADER

1. KAA responded that the Minority Leader had always held the view that He, KAA, was anxious to unseat him as MP. It was mainly a prejudicial view on the part of the Minority Leader because the Minority Leader had the false idea that he (KAA) was against him. "As a result, he always wanted to see my back".
2. On the issue of appointment of Deputies, KAA explained that he took a stand regarding the Deputies because he did not want the mistakes of the previous administration to be repeated. In a situation where office holders could not operate effectively with deputies who were not co-operating. A national picture was important. It is not correct that myself, Afoko and Crabbe met and decided we should nominate/ appoint deputies for other officers. I nominated Benyina (Brong Ahafo) and Nuworsu (Volta). Later, Obeng Busia was suggested, yet it fell on Obiri Boahen. I

accepted. We got to the others and problems arose. When we got to Deputies for Mr. Boadu, for example, there were problems which were not my creation.

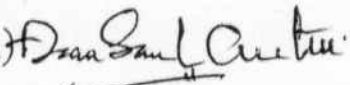

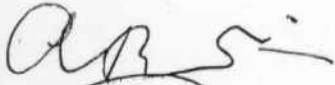


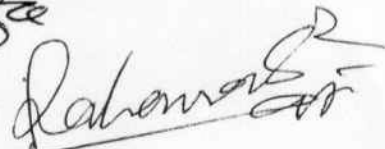
Mr. Ayikoi Otoo: What KAA is saying is true. In my view, he helped to create sanity regarding the matter. Mr. Ayikoi Otoo explained that he happened to be at the Steering Committee meeting where the issue of Deputies was discussed and that the narration of KAA was a true reflection of what took place that day. He said it was KAA who told the meeting to shelve the issue until a flagbearer was elected. That was where the matter ended.

KAA: On the matter of waivers, the Volta region chair said that nobody in the Volta region could pay. They wanted waivers for all candidates. Then Central Regional Secretary also said that his Region was the poorest in the country so they could not also pay. These were people who were looking for help. In some cases, I helped from my own pocket.

It is quite unusual that all these petitions have the same things against me. Sir John granted waivers also without reference to anybody. He even sacked the Communications Director, Nana Akomea , who later resigned but nobody uttered a word.

Regarding the other matters, when we came to office, the Director of Finance and Administration did not help us. Assets of the Party were kept from us including vehicles. The Director of F&A could not present a true picture of events to us. Something had to be done.

Signed as the Recommendation of the National Disciplinary Committee to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the NPP, this Monday, the 7th day of December 2015.

1. Most Rev. Dr. Samuel Asante Antwi (Chairman) 
2. Dr. Kwame Addo Kufuor (Member) 
3. Mad. Ama Busia (Member) 
4. Hon. Prof. Mike Oquaye (Member) 
5. Hon. Gifty E. Kusi (Member) 
6. Alhaji Abubakar Abdul Rahman, (Member) 
7. Hon. Ayikoi Otoo (Member) 