

Dear UNAA members,

EC Errors.

This mail from the EC Chairman is being written with the consent of all the EC members. The purpose of it is to acknowledge our errors in the recently concluded UNAA elections and also to clarify on some of the concerns you have raised. Generally the EC did a tremendous job the errors committed were very few compared to the entire job and in the time given. But a grain of salt spoils the entire milk and it is for this reason that I write to apologize to you all. This has been a learning experience and we hope to do a better job next time if you still want us to serve you.

Be it known fellow UNAA members that the errors that were committed were not in any way intentional. Some of the reasons for our errors were: 1. Too much work in so short a time. 2. Lack of experience and training, 3. Lack of supervision that would have ensured correctness before the final output.

YOUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN:

1. Did Mr. Kabagambe meet all his candidacy requirements and so cleared by the EC to stand?

Answer: No Mr. Kabagambe didn't.

- Mr. Kabagambe sent us his a signed candidates agreement indicating that he was seconded by: 1. Brian Kwesiga 2. Haira Nalugemwa 3. ----- .
- There was no name for 3rd seconder .
- The EC guidelines had indicated that the candidates had to send us a candidates agreement and with it forward 3 names of seconders/recommenders. Just on that, Mr. Kabagambe's paperwork was incomplete and therefore wouldn't have been cleared.
- Of Mr. Kabagambe's two official recommenders forwarded to us as indicated above only Mr. Kwesiga sent a confirming seconding email, Ms. Haira Nalugemwa didn't.
- Two other unaa members sent seconding emails on his behalf him but without him putting them on his official documents or letting us know officially that they would be we couldn't know. It was because of this that initially we told the BOT that Ms. Nalugemwa was her recommender, we even wrote to Ms. Nalugemwa to forward us an email in which she recommended Mr. Kabagambe. Ms. Nalugemwa got furious about it and thought this to be fraud against her. This was the source of the "fraud" word in the BOT communication.
- When testifying to the BOT about this very issue I apologized on behalf of the EC. There were no fraud intentions in doing so but just a failure in the execution of our duties. Please accept our sincere apology.

2. Was Mr. Kabagambe a member in Good standing by the time of his candidacy?

Answer: As per EC requirements he was not.

- He was neither on the Voters list nor the UNAA members list.
- There was no official document at all that we could look at to establish his membership.
- We depended on a word of mouth from the UNAA secretary that he was a member in good standing.
- Some EC members had wanted us to verify the members register but we thought it was too big a job for us in the little time we had. We hoped that the information from the secretariat would be enough.
- It turns out that Mr. Kabagambe had sent his membership payment to the treasurer Mr. Bukenya who was not in office. The first communication about his membership payment came from Mr. Kwesiga Aug. 17, 2013 after the deadline as per our guidelines.
- Since there is no written official communication from the secretary to the EC by Aug. 15, 2013 clearing Mr. Kabagambe as a member in good standing it was a mistake on our side clearing him for candidacy. We were wrong. Please accept our apology.

3. Did Mr. Kabagambe have to be in Dallas to be voted?

- Candidates don't have to be present to be voted for any UNAA office but has to be present to vote as per our constitution.

4. Why did miss Haira Nalugemwa Vote and yet she is above thirty?

Answer: Ms. Haira nalugemwa is a young lady under 30yrs.

- This information was believed and spread to the point that 8 council members sent a formal petition to the EC requiring that Haira be gotten off the council.
- It was believed by some that Haira voted as a youth while she is not 30 years old or below.
- I requested the honorable members to produce evidence but failed to give any. (I thought it not honorable to jump to conclusions to the point of filling a petition without any credible leads or facts)
- Ms. Haira Malugemwa has chosen to make it easy for all of us by sending me a copy of her driver's Licence and Resident card. The copy of which has been forwarded to the BOT chairman.

5. Was Eng. Wakou's victory right and constitutional?

Answer: We think it was right, the constitution doesn't address it.

- Mr. Wakou and Mr. Abe both got 13 votes. It was a tie and the first one in the UNAA history.

- Just as we had started planning for a runoff election (A run off can only be between the candidates that participated before) Mr. Abe sent a letter of his withdraw to the EC , a copy of which will be available on the UNAA website.
- Since the EC had considered both Mr. Abe and Eng. Wakou winners other than losers, by default Eng. Wakou was declared winner because when one winner pulls out the other assumes victory.
- Are we right or wrong? That can be referred to the BOT whom the constitution gives the authority to make decisions on constitution or such contentious issues. We did what we thought was right. This we can do again and again unless the constitution addresses it. (We have no apologies to make on this one)

6. Was Mr. Akwanya a vetted candidate and voter?

Answer: No for Candidate Yes for Voter.

- It was through a verbal conversation Mr. Awichu had with the EC that Mr. Awichu was qualified as a candidate. This was wrong because the EC did not have proof of his membership in good standing at the time of his approval from the secretary. Please accept our apology.
- By July 30 UNAA the secretary reminded Mr. Akwanya to pay his membership but Mr. Akwanya was refusing to pay because he was sure he had paid. The Aug 2 deadline caught him unpaid.
- When he couldn't convince them he went ahead and made a payment of \$20 on Aug 6th as a renewing member. His money was posted directly into the UNAA account that was provided to him by the Treasurer Mr. Bukenya. (Though still treasurer Mr. Bukenya didn't communicate this information to the secretary).
- It was also around this time that he verbally contacted the EC and told them he had paid, and that a copy of his payment was to be in his candidacy application package. From this he was cleared as a candidate.
- Mr. Akwanya was denied to vote until the AGM cleared the 2012 voters. Without the AGM resolution Mr. Akwanya would not have voted.
- Mr. Akwanya after pleading his case that he was a 2012 paid member was escorted to the polling table with a signature of approval of a UNAA official under his name that had been hand written on the 2012 list. It was only then that the EC allowed him to vote.
- The information that has been availed to the EC shows that Mr. Awichu was a paid member in 2012. His \$20 renewal payment had been misappropriated as many others had been and are being corrected up to now.