

Under the previous President, I could freely communicate relevant information to NEC Members in between meetings of the Executive so that they may be appraised of developments in the world of football.

However, this was soon to change completely under the new President. About one month into his tenure, Dr Jordaan, commanded that I was not to communicate with NEC Members as he saw it as his responsibility.

Not too long after that, I was told by him that I also could not have anything to do with the appointment of Heads of Delegation for National Teams' trips as that was also his responsibility. These instructions confined my relationship with Council Members to one in which they would only see me in NEC Meetings or hear from me when instructed to do so by the President.

Additionally, he told me repeatedly that he could not trust everyone with the Association's information as it could be used wrongly. The subtext was that he would control what information would reach NEC Members and that nothing should go to them without his consent. Whilst it is common sense that the President should know what goes to his Exco, the blanket ban on communication made no sense at all. However, this was to be the standard for most of my tenure as CEO.

Dr Jordaan later started two WhatsApp groups, one for the NEC and the other for Regional Presidents – with him serving as the moderator for both groups. However, these platforms were used only for light banter and not much substance is discussed on either.

During the Presidential campaign, the President suspected that some NEC Members had been supportive of a rival Presidential candidate. He asked me to retrieve the SAFA telephone call list from the service provider and determined that Messrs Nhlapo and Rakoma had been in touch with the candidate, Mr Andile 'Ace' Ncobo. They were summarily removed from the WhatsApp groups.

Communication with the NEC and the Regions therefore became an act of self-preservation instead of enhancing governance. The champion of the Pickard Commission recommendations has now effectively regressed into a state where he is doing exactly as the Commission described on page 45 of its report:

It is the Commission's view that certainly Mr Morewa is no longer a fit and proper person at the helm of the football industry. He has proved himself to be over concerned to be promoting his own interests instead of those of the Association. His general attitude of arrogance and domination has, in the view of the Commission made him unsuitable for the task he is required to fulfil.

I was shocked by his view that he is solely responsible for communicating with the SAFA NEC as it was always clearly understood over the decades that the CEO had performed these tasks. In fact, **the President's instructions were in violation of Articles 37.2.1 and 66.4 of the SAFA Statutes** which states, amongst other things, that the President should monitor the implementation of the decisions passed by the Congress and the SAFA Council through