

1. Difficult meeting for me (broke, burn out, down)

Benefit - a good plan, staff person, 4+ months time

Hired Jo, for my work & Network, & she found
a took a permanent job

I cannot carry out this benefit. Need time off.
Can't be done w/out staff.

This is a good time to discuss the future of
ILNAA. We need a longer time to discuss this
than today, but at least we can start.
(Sorry Rose and Ron aren't here)

2. When we began,

We were inspired by the massive mine workers strike.

I often heard, "I wish I could give you some hope."
Well, we got our hope from South Africans.

We wanted to put the clout of the labor movement
behind anti-apartheid efforts, by doing things
in unison.

We wanted action, not words. "Drowning in
sympathy and thirsting for action."

3. To look at what the future of the Network
should be, we need to look at what we've done,
what we've accomplished, and evaluate where
we should go from there

There's always been lots of condemnations
about apartheid, but not action to back it up.

One thing we've done in the Labor Network is
to look at the resistance and democratic
structures, and take our lead from there.

on the ground

What have we been able to accomplish?

Generally speaking,

(called more attention to apartheid w/in labor.

(Reinvigorated anti-apartheid movement itself.

Brought a nod of respect to labor movement.

(Increased support for international labor solidarity, which has been both beneficial for us in U.S. and in SA.

(Faced political difficulties

Harold's death and the political fallout in Chicago.

SA politics

COSATU vs BC unions

Liberation movement/rests on 4 legs/we
support two: On the ground and international work

Labor politics in U.S. & Illinois vis/a/vis SA.

Sectarian politics.

Politics w/in anti-apartheid movement.

Dealing with anti-apartheid movement.

Different views of blacks and whites.

Affected our choices of speakers, scheduling,
music, etc.

Somehow we've managed to get by these differences,
not easily, but by being careful, and still
contribute.

More specifically, we've

(Educated ourselves and others, on target and
read the signs well

(Sanctions - federal and city - clout

(Responsible disinvestment

(Shell Boycott

(Moses Mayekiso campaign

Networking

(Established a real network: Namibian public employees union, NECC, SACTWU, NUMSA, NUM, trade secretariats, internationals, union to union, anti-apartheid organizations

Our indirect links with SA are great; our direct links are weak

7. As an organization, we are unique,
but not indispensable.

We have build a network of unions, not individuals.

Learned about the liberation movement, and
the labor movement, in SA.

Not in debt.

Money has not been our first objective and it
is not the first objective with SA trade unionists.

We went after people's hearts, not their pocketbooks.

For assistance, we need to give a nod to AFSCME 2000.

8. We've been weak,

great programs, poor turnout

learned our stuff, but don't have capacity
to get out everywhere

built trust in labor movement, but don't
communicate with broad net work of unions

need a newsletter, more action alerts, etc.

an org. is not static, it grows or becomes
smaller, or just a click which is somewhat
what has happened to us this year.

we get confused sometimes, although we have
goals, they weren't really discussed.

we are not a CBTU, CLUW. we are union
reps. who speak for our locals or regions.

if we are to have a future, we must have some
administrative staff; but to get from here to
there won't be easy. we need to agree on
some things.

9. Today, difficult, most important, murky.

less common from SA.

But Labor, if not for Cheap Labor, why have
apartheid? Labor is an issue now and in the
long run.

COSAM poem

*Spent #
of unions
in address in
anti-apartheid
work*

*Support
from int'l's*

*Committee
Week*