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Board Meeting - June 21, 1987 - 11am
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AGENDA

- * Newsletter
- * Board Outreach Committee report
- * 20th Anniversary Committee report
- * Date for next NYC Board meeting
- * Office - annual audit, finances etc.

GRANT REQUESTS

Central & Latin America Solidarity Work

- 1) Casa Chile (Berkeley, CA) - Request of \$600 as seed money for a direct mail fund raising appeal for operating costs.
- 2) East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (Berkeley, CA) - \$600 asked for toward general operating expenses.
- 3) CODICES (San Francisco, CA) - \$600 requested to help finance their magazine on Salvadoran culture.
- 4) Comite Puertorriqueno Contra La Represion (NY, NY) - A request of \$600 to subsidize buses to Hartford for the August march to commemorate the arrests in Puerto Rico in 1985.
- 5) La Pena Cultural Center (Berkeley, CA) - \$600 requested for either expenses of their 12th Annual Anniversary or for purchase of equipment for sound system.
- 6) Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance (Washington, DC) - They're asking for \$600 toward costs of T-shirts for a Bookfair in Managua.
- 7) Pledge of Resistance/Louisville Chapter (KY) - \$340 asked for cost of answering machine and for office expenses.
- 8) Postal Workers for Peace in Central America (Portland, OR) - Postponed for last meeting. \$600 asked for production of brochure. I sent a letter asking for a draft of the copy and it's enclosed in proposal.
- 9) Central America Resource Center (Minn., MN) - \$600 request for direct mail membership drive.

10) Organization in Solidarity with People of Guatemala (Chicago) Request of \$500 to help underwrite expenses of their theatre group of Guatemalan refugees.

11) Pledge of Resistance//Chicago Chapter (IL) - They're asking for \$600 for printing of literature for their "National Guard in Honduras" campaign.

12) St. Louis Pledge of Resistance (MO) - \$500 requested. They didn't specify for what exactly so I've sent them a letter.

13) Center for the Study of the Americas (Berkeley, CA) - Request of \$600 for cost of publishing a Strategic Report on "Post Contragate Politics: C.A. & the Solidarity Movement".

Peace/Anti-militarism Work

14) International Alliance of Atomic Veterans (Toprock, AZ) - \$500 requested toward cost of computer.

15) Progressive Student Network (Iowa City, IA) - Request of \$600 for costs of publication & distribution of their "Student News" Fall issue.

16) Coalition to Stop Trident (New Haven, CT) - They're asking for \$600 to purchase office equipment to be used in organizing action at Trident facilities in CT & RI in Fall of 1987. This was postponed from last meeting. We wanted to know if and how they're planning to broaden their base/outreach to communities not historically included in the coalition. No answer yet.

17) Student/Teacher Organization to Prevent (STOP) Nuclear War (Cambridge, MA) - \$250 for general support.

Media and Cultural Groups

18) Media Network/Alternative Media Info. Center (NYC) - Request of \$888(??) for purchase of video tape player & monitor.

19) Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) - \$600 asked to help with expenses of fund raising efforts.

20) Dinosaur (Ithaca, NY) - They're asking for \$600 for costs of a benefit for the Akwesasne Freedom School.

21) Just Around the Corner (Cambridge, MA) - Request of \$500 for office equipment.

Homelessness & Welfare Issues

22) Coalition for Human Dignity (New Orleans, LA) - Request of \$600 toward salary of a director for organization.

23) October 6th Coalition/NYC Organizing Committee - \$600

requested toward expenses of organizing a demo at the United Nations on international homelessness.

Labor and Unemployed Organizing

24) Driverside (Brighton, MA) - \$400 requested for expenses of monthly journal of news & info for Boston taxi drivers. Postponed from last meeting, we needed a draft or outline of journal and more info on membership.

25) Wisconsin Support Committee/UFW (Madison) - \$1,000 (??) for office operations for four months.

26) Center for Fair Employment (Phila., PA) - \$560 for costs of producing an outreach brochure to publicize their political work.

Middle East Work

27) Middle East Philanthropic Fund (Boston, MA) - Request of \$600 to help in redevelopment of their slide show, "Lebanon Will Survive".

28) Resource Center on Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) - \$600 requested for expenses of national Middle East Organizers Meeting in late October.

Miscellaneous

29) National Association of Black & White Men Together (Milwaukee WI) - \$600 asked for postage & printing costs for their mailing about the 1987 Conference (June 28 - July 5th).

30) Women's Education & Resource Center (Concord, NH) - Request of \$600 for rental of a copier and to reprint brochure.

31) Camino a la Paz (San Antonio, TX) - \$600 requested toward cost of installing a telephone system in their office.

That's it for the June meeting. Please remember to call me if you know any of the above groups and can give a reference. Also please fill out and send in proxies and meeting dates preferences. I hope everyone has a pleasant summer.

For peace and justice,

Nancy
Nancy Moniz, Resist staff

I can attend the Board meeting in Boston on

Aug. 2 _____ Aug. 9 _____ Aug. 16 _____

I'll be able to attend a Board meeting in New York City on

Sept. 13 _____ Sept. 20 _____ Sept. 27. _____

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Present: Pam, Kate, Wayne, N. Moniz, R.P., Louis, Meredith, Wechsler, Tatiana.

Newsletter: Yana reported that she is working 12-14 hours/week on the newsletter (for which she is being paid). She would like help with certain things including soliciting articles and finding writers, compiling the resources section, and writing articles. The Resist staff encourages all the fine writers on the Resist Board (yes, that's you) to let us know what you are working on and think about sending our newsletter article submissions.

Here are some ideas Yana has: Labor organizing around Central America; Prison System (expansion and the new technologies); Korea; anti-racism and anti-sexist organizing in progressive organizations (this might be a short article...only kidding); Eritrea; Women organizing around economic issues; Asian American women organizing around labor issues, etc.; Youth and militarism work; FBI and the new era of Surveillance (what ever happened to the old era?); English-only initiatives (like the one recently in California) and bilingual education (board members suggested Wayne write this...so how about it Wayne?); artificial intelligence and the social implications of computer technology; effectiveness of progressive media/alternative media.

Issues already in the works include: Middle East 20th anniv. of the occupation (you should get this in the mail any day); Argentine and Militarization of Puerto Rico; Germany's Green Party and the Greens in the U.S.; 20th Anniversary of Resist Issue (Board members--get your blurbs in to us NOW); and an issue on AIDS (which may include a reprint from Radical America's upcoming special issue on AIDS....which should be great).

We've gotten very positive responses to our editorial on the March on Washington, and only one negative response from the same person who didn't like our middle east stuff. Pam Chamberlain expressed her enthusiasm for the newsletter at the board meeting, as did Meredith Smith who said she was glad to see the broad range of issues being covered.

Board Outreach: See the enclosed board outreach committee report that was handed out at the board meeting. There are some exciting additional things to report. Renae Scott from Haymarket has said she would be interested in joining our board come the fall (when she leaves Haymarket) and Daniel Richardson has also expressed some interest. The committee will follow-up with both of these people. A new outreach committee was chosen which consists of: Nancy Moniz, Connie Chan, Louis Kampf, Pam Chamberlain and Roxanna Pastor. Roxanna said she could be a resource for mailings, and pointed out that at least one person of color from Resist should be at the interviews for new board people. Everyone agreed. We agreed as a group to print a blurb in the next many newsletters that we were looking for new board members and to say specifically that we were looking for people of color. We also agreed to send a blurb to MOBE, CASA, AFSC to print in their newsletters. After some discussion we agreed not to interview or add any white people to the board at this time. We would keep focussing on adding people of color, continue doing outreach through the fall, and re-discuss adding white people (particularly gay men and disabled folks) at a board meeting in January. The new committee will work on more outreach, as well as

get back to the people who have written and expressed interest.

Resist's 20th Anniversary: Yana, Kate and Roxanna are working on a special issue of the newsletter. They have gotten written responses to their letter from Zinn, Chomsky, Hilda Hein and Don Kalish. Louis will work with Kate and RP on this issue. Meredith said she could tape a conversation with Grace the end of July if Grace hasn't sent us her piece by then. Grace: we heard you were working on something for us, and we really want to see it. We don't want this issue to go to press without your contribution. (That goes for the rest of you who haven't sent in anything yet, too.) Deadline for these pieces is: NOW! (Actually July 2nd).

Our 20th Anniversary Party: we are working with Mobe, SouthEnd Press, Radical America, National Lawyers Guild, Gay Community News and Allegra (nice bunch of folks, isn't it?) to pull off a large party in the fall for all of our anniversaries. The group needs leads on spaces that will accommodate 400 people, be available from 6pm-2am, wheelchair accessible, 2 separate rooms (one for a noisy band, one for tables, food and quiet). Any ideas call the office, or Mobe. Meredith Smith and Pam Chamberlain have agreed to alternate going to these planning meetings. The staff is very appreciate of the boards energy and help.

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

August 9, 11am Pam Chamberlain's, Cambridge MA

September 20th (tentative) NYC (Alternative date is Sept. 27)

FINANCES: We have \$8,022 in our baybanks account and \$50,000 in our working assets money market account, and \$3700 in our loan fund. We owe some money, and we are still owed about \$1200 in stock we sold a while ago (but the paper work got screwed up.) A mailing just went out to our list which should bring in several thousand dollars. Basically, we are doing ok.

Resist received a \$1000 contribution from the Walnut Street Trust to be used for funding groups doing anti-racist organizing. This money was the result of the sale of a house and the return of the downpayment to several resist supports...including Nancy Falk, Dickie Cluster and Jack Hamilton. Thanks for the support.

Baby News: Board members have joined the baby boom. Connie Chan (and Barbara) just had a little baby girl, and Frank Broadhead (and Chris) just had a little baby boy. Congratulations. We all look forward to meeting the new Resisters soon.

Other board news: Hans Koning is moving back to Massachusetts. Any leads on places to live, let us know at the office.

We elected new officers for the Resist Corporation to make it easier for the staff to track folks down when we need signatures on documents such as stock sales and tax forms. New officers: Pres: Louis Kampf, Vice Pres: Kate Cloud, secretary/treasurer: Nancy Wechsler.

Emergency Grant Request: Conference on Puerto Rican Cultural Center

No one doing this work seemed to have heard of them. We decided against the emergency grant.

Donor Request for Resist to fund International Third World Women's groups:

One of our out of town donors visited the resist office this past week with a proposal that we be the vehicle for giving out \$10,000 to women's groups in the Third World who are specifically doing organizing around women's issues. (We need to clarify if this was a one shot \$10,000 or a yearly \$10,000) She also said she wants to leave a large sum in her will for us to do this if we agree to it. We informed her that we hadn't been doing outside of US grants, but would bring it up at the board meeting. She really likes Resist, particularly our commitment to left and feminist politics, which is why she came to us. If we agreed to do this, she would like the following input into decisions: She would like to receive copies of the grant proposals that would be considered for this category of grant, and have a proxy vote, just like out of town board members. The proxy vote would only be on proposals having to do with this \$10,000 and she definitely does not want veto power. She didn't seem fixed on even this, but she put it out as her ideal.

The board discussed the fact that this could mean a lot of additional work. Could some of the money go for additional staff time (yes). We also need to check if there are other groups who already do this that our donor might feel comfortable with. Wechsler suggested that the only way she saw us being able to do this is if we brainstormed about the groups we all knew of in foreign countries (and our friends new of...and haymarket folks) and sent them letters and guidelines...that it wouldn't be possible to do a massive outreach effort. RP thought if we did this we should do a massive outreach effort but didn't think we had the resources. A subcommittee was formed to look into all of this further. It consists of: Pam, Nancy M., Kate, Louis. It was suggested we call the Capp Street Foundation, Renae Scott at Haymarket, and Barbara (at D&S?)

Resist Political Priorities for Grants: We need to re-evaluate and choose priorities for the next six months at our next board meeting. Remember, priorities right now are: sexual politics (gay/lesbian, feminist); Middle East; Central America (Honduras and Guatemala); and Anti-Racist organizing (including Native American organizing, autonomous organizing by people of color, anti-racist organizing by white people)--or as someone pointed out, everything but Nicaragua, El Salvador, Prison Work, Homelessness, and Welfare work. But of course, we fund those too.

GRANT DECISIONS We gave out a total of \$6000 to 13 groups.

1. Casa Chile (Berkeley, CA) \$550 for seed money for a direct mail fundraising appeal for operating costs. References were good. Vanguard's given them money. Roxanna has friend that thought they did good work.
2. East Bay Sanctuary Covenant (Berkeley, CA) NO GRANT. Their references were good but Roxanna and others felt they were perhaps not radical enough for Resist. Louis/RP thought they can get money elsewhere and they have too big a budget.
3. CODICES (SF, CA) POSTPONED. They requested help financing their magazine on Salvadoran culture. Vanguard was impressed with their work. Good outreach, broader community, very activist. They didn't respond to N.M.'s letter for more info. Louis suggests we POSTPONE till we actually can see

their work. Yana didn't like their answers to questions 10, 11. They should be more specific in their proposal. Another question was raised about whose mailing list were they going to use?

4. Comite Puertorriqueno Contra La Represion (NY, NY) \$550 to subsidize buses to Hartford for the August march to commemorate the arrests in Puerto Rico in 1985. North Star very positive about them. They are very active, good public education, coalition work, anti-racism work, etc.

5. La Pena Cultural Center (Berkeley, CA) \$500 for either expenses of their 12th annual anniversary or for purchase of equipment for sound system.

6. Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance (Washington, DC) NO GRANT. They had asked for money towards the costs of t-shirts for a bookfair in Managua. This was not considered a Resist priority. Political perspective of group not well developed.

7. Pledge of Resistance/Louisville Chapter (KY). \$100 towards cost of answering machine and for office expenses. Ann Braden (reference) basically same as national: single issue. She thought they did endorse pride march. Mostly white group, trying to expand but doesn't think they will have much success expanding as they started out all white. Trying to make links to anti-klan work in area. They sent 4 buses to the April 25th March on Wash. Meredith: don't know about non-violence handbook. SF group already did one that was much better, had in it issues of women, gays, people of color doing cd. Questions were raised about the state of the pledge. Louis thought a hotline was "superfluous."

8. Postal Workers for Peace in Central America (Portland, OR) \$500 for production of brochure. Tess was very positive.

9. Central America Resource Center (Minn., MN) NO GRANT. RP feels they should be doing more active work with other groups. Proposal seemed too narrow. Louis- they don't look like they need our money. "You're an organization which has been around for a long time and at least from what you've said in your proposal you haven't been paying attention to issues which are very important to the Resist Board."

10. Organization in Solidarity with People of Guatemala (Chicago) \$500 to help underwrite expenses of their theatre group of Guatemalan refugees. Crossroads from Chicago has funded them for a few years. Group is mostly Guatemalan's. RP not familiar with them, but their proposal seems to have given thought to other issues. We agreed to say something in the letter to them about having problems with their answers to questions about disabled and older people, but that the work they were doing was a priority area for us to fund.

11. Pledge of Resistance/Chicago Chapter \$500 for printing of literature for their "National Guard in Honduras" Campaign. Crossroads funded them. Broad organization, demos, cd, not religious, some SA work, national guard/Honduras work.

12. St Louis Pledge of Resistance (Mo) \$500 for typewriter. RP says they are very good group. Why haven't they done more fundraising?

13. Center for the Study of the Americas (Berkeley, CA) NO GRANT. Not much in proposal. This year or last year. Louis: Why spend more money on another position paper when this analysis can be found elsewhere? Should be published in another publication. RP: They can get money somewhere else. This is what they do, publish strategy reports. People didn't like their answers to questions. "We wish them well, we like their work, but it is not a priority for Resist at this time. Answer to questions weak. This particular work is not a Resist priority."

14. International Alliance of Atomic Veterans (Toprock, AZ) NO GRANT. Reference from Todd E. (Citizen Soldier). Very negative. Had a lot of criticism of their organizing ability. Org. style keeps them isolated. just a handful of vets. Meredith: No middle east issues mentioned. People on their board are cold warriors.

15. Progressive Student Network (Iowa City, IA) \$550 (They applied for costs of publication and distribution of their "student news" fall issue.) References were good. We suggest they work on a fundraising network among faculty. We agreed to give them money for fundraising. Suggestion to them to write an article about the National gay/lesbian march on Washington.

16. Coalition to Stop Trident (NH, CT) NO GRANT. Postponed from last time re: what coalition work did they do. Very single issue focus on trident. No to their grant request because of their single issue orientation. Nor a current Resist priority. Our priorities are:...."

17. Student/Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War: proposal withdrawn.

18. Media Network/Alternative Media Info. Center (NYC) \$550 for purchase of video tape player and monitor. North Star says they are an important resource. good coalition work. good conference.

19. Syracuse Alternative Media Network (NY) They asked for help with expenses of fundraising letter. POSTPONED. Syracuse Peace Council gives them mixed reviews locally. They spend a lot of money but don't share it or use it locally. Louis: Would want to see some of their work, video or something. Meredith: what is their fundraising plan? We should call Syracuse Cultural Workers for another reference.

20. Dinosaur (Ithica, NY) \$550 For costs of a benefit for the Akwesasne Freedom School. People liked their spunky answers to some the our questions.

21. Just Around the Corner (Cambridge, MA) NO GRANT. No to their request for office equipment. Group too liberal for Resist. Not a Resist priority.

22. Coalition for Human Dignity (New Orleans, LA) NO GRANT. They had requested \$600 toward salary of a director for organization. They seemed very into lobbying, educating legislators. Not a Resist priority. They are low income people of color, but what is their funding strategy? We think they can get money from elsewhere.

23. October 6th Coalition, NYC Organizing Comm. NO GRANT. They had requested money towards expenses of organizing a demo at the UN on international

homelessness. NACLA is working on this. Project proposed by LA folks. Diverse group. Louis: I can't get excited about demos at UN. Wecs: It depends on what they are trying to do. Our gay/lesbian national demo is part of a strategy to re-energize, re-build, re-activate people...get them hooked up into existing and new groups. Board decided NO for now. Maybe we would fund something later...educational work.

24. Driverside (Brighton, MA) \$100 towards expenses of monthly journal of news and info for Boston taxi drivers. Not very overtly political paper.

25. Wisconsin Support Committee/UFW (Madison) NO GRANT. they had requested money for office operations. references were negative. Proposal condescending.

26. Center for Fair Employment (Phila, PA) NO GRANT> They had asked for money for outreach brochure. Frank Brodhead said they were basically a good group with a broad focus. We didn't think it was a Resist Priority. Social servicey? No position of Reproductive Rights, gay/lesbian/aids/custody stuff. They can get money elsewhere.

27. Middle East Philanthropic Fund (Boston) NO GRANT. Melani from mobe doesn't do org. with them but feels good about the group, but they have not been an activist group. Script for slide show in packet. Louis: Haven't been politically active. slide show ok, but outreach and fundraising limited to only Arab-american community. We said no mainly because they were not doing as much outreach, education and activist work as we look for in groups.

28. Resource Center on Nonviolence (Santa Cruz, CA) NO GRANT. They had requested funds for expenses of a national Middle East organizers meeting in late october. There was a long discussion about this one which I missed since I had to leave the meeting at this point. So here is a summary of Meredith's minutes: Meredith objected to their training on "non-violent rape resistance." It was also suggested they were homophobic. Should be broader, more progressive, more multi-issue.

Hidden agenda to get mideast organizers to educate them about non-violence. It's fine to put out their perspective but not as hidden agenda. RP report on homophobia raise issues of reaction to nonviolence rape resistance. Only thing done about women and women's issues. Response to letter in update, request for criticism about applying non-violence. Why not more on homophobia and sexism. Why is this not more a part of the agenda? They bill themselves as multi-issue group but don't actively address issues of women and repro.rights, lesbian/gay concerns. Good bye and good luck. We'd rather support multi- issue groups who do address these concerns.

29. National Association of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) Milwaukee, WI. \$550 for postage and printing costs for their mailing about the 1987 conference. (June 28-July 5th) Pam: not a major concern that they play down non-social aspects of their work. Just by act of socializing is political.

30. Women's Education and Resource Center (Concord, NH) NO GRANT. They had requested money for rental of a copier and to reprint brochure. Good on racism and homophobia. Roxanna felt they could get money elsewhere. Yana has

heard good things about them. They re good on anti-racism work. They may be able to get money elsewhere but it's not necessarily easy for them. Louis: NH might not be so easy to raise money. Others say they go outside state to get money. Pam: Good refs, good work. we make decisions? can folks can get money elsewhere? NO with a keep up the good work, but you can get money elsewhere rap.

31. Camino a la Paz (San Antonio, TX) NO GRANT. they had requested money towards cost of installing telephone system in their office. Not a resist priority. This is the job the of Nader folks, not radical left or Resist. Though we admire this groups position on gay/lesbian rights.

That's it. See you all (or most of you) in August. Don't forget to write those blurbs for our 20th anniversary newsletter issue, and to let us know what other fine articles are percolating in your brains, hearts, pens, and computers.

Nancy Wechsler

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Board Outreach Report

The Board Outreach committee has done the following:

Board Opening mailing to Mobe's key contact list

Notices sent to: GCN, Central America Report, AFSC, Mobe Newsletter,
Resist Newsletter

Individual phone calls and mailings

Connie, Louis and Nancy W. all agreed to contact different people. The following people were contacted either by letter or phone call:

Rena Scott, Evelyn Hammonds, Fran White, Karin San Juan Aquilar, Fahamisha Brown, Danny Richardson, Nziki Langford, Donna Bevins, Maralyn Richardson, and S.H. (In addition, Connie agreed to make some calls, but I wasn't able to check in about it with her and since she's just had her baby, didn't want to bother her at this point.)

There might also be some people that we contacted that have slipped my mind right now. Louis is still in the process of contacting a few more people.

The following people have called or written us expressing interest in the Resist Board: Larry Goldsmith, Mark Miller, Peggy Smith, Lois Martin, Steve Miller, Stephanie Borns, Ellen Ripton, Patricia Shire, Frieda Rebelsky, Jennifer Page. There might have been a few other white people who expressed interest, but who I neglected to to keep track of.

The bottom line is that we have had no serious inquiries from people of color. Several white people have expressed interest who might be interesting to have on the board at some point...but not necessarily now. We need to decide as a board whether or not we would consider any more white board members at this time. The outreach committee was operating under the assumption that only people of color would be considered at this time. However, there has been some interest in the past on considering applications for the board from the categories of "gay men" and "disabled people." So we should decide what we want to do. Larry Goldsmith is a gay man who has been interested in the Board for several years. Stephanie Borns works with the Boston Women's Fund, Steve Miller is a long-time activist who now works at Lotus (and helped us get our computer), Mark Miller is someone several people on the board have mentioned respecting, etc. etc. My own opinion is that we not accept any more white people until there are at least a few more people of color on the board. The only possible exception I could see to that is Larry--or some other gay man.

People might want to think about what other outreach we can do. Clearly this has to be a year-round thing. We might want to run a blurb in our newsletter each month that we are looking for new board memmbers, particular people of color.

We need someone from the board to agree to coordinate this effort from now on. Is anyone interested or willing?

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April, 1987

RADICAL OPPORTUNITY
RESIST BOARD OPENINGS

Resist is a small foundation for the progressive left which funds grassroots groups working for peace and justice nationwide. Over the past 20 years, we've given more than 2,000 grants to groups working against the draft, to groups working for nuclear disarmament, for women's, gay, lesbian and other human rights, to groups doing anti-intervention and anti-racism work, and to groups involved in community organizing.

Resist is now in the process of broadening the representation of its' board in order to better reflect the communities we fund. There are a number of openings to be filled by June 1st. We especially encourage applications from people of color.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESIST BOARD MEMBERS

The main responsibility is to attend and participate in board meetings which are held approximately every 6 weeks. Meetings are held on Sundays for 6 hours, usually in the Boston area. Two meetings per year are held in New York City. Although board members serve on a volunteer basis, transportation costs to N.Y. are paid by Resist for those who are unable to meet their own expenses.

The majority of the time at meetings is spent on processing the 20 to 30 grant proposals received. Resist averages between \$5,000 to \$7,000 in grants per meeting. A part of each meeting is devoted to decision-making concerning the overall policies of Resist.

Board members are also expected to occasionally volunteer for sub-committees which meet between regular board meetings. These sub-committees deal with particular issues such as hiring of staff, recruiting new board members, and investment of Resist funds.

A minimum 2-year commitment is expected.

If you're an activist in your community who would enjoy knowing more about the movement nation-wide, have the time and commitment that reflects the above board member description, and would like to participate in the very concrete task of helping hundreds of groups around the country develop their work, please call and/or write to Resist for more information on our board selection process.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: JUNE 1ST