**Coalition Minutes,**

Meeting of November 16, 2011

**1. “Rule of Law v. Rule of Force: America’s Rejection of the ICC”**

Peter reviewed our most recent event including the financial aspects as well as a consideration of what went well and what might have “gone better.”

A. Financials to date:

-University Club Invoice $1330.42

-PIP Printing Invoice 120.68

-SB Channels (est. $300-400)

-Honorarium for David Kaye 500.00

Total (est) $2351.10

-Income (Dep. to SB Bank & Trust) 350.00

1327.00

1677.00

-Current (est.) Bank Balance $4575.10

B. What went well? What didn’t? What did we learn? We certainly learned the value of being well organized, having our email “blast” lists coordinated, and most certainly the value of NOT proof reading your own stuff! Our discussion was candid and productive and we will try to integrate what was learned into our Handbook. Gary Rees is taking responsibility for integrating the data we received from checks, from registration, etc., into a single spread sheet. Will be distributed with these minutes. Please check for errors, completeness.

C. Website Options: Center name and What’s Next? It was noted that Victor has become a master craftsman at his task and has already done a number of things to improve the website. I will coordinate with him on a few specifics including:

* Status of our current event page – perhaps a preface to the existing page that says, “In case you missed it, this is what we talked about on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* Change in name page. We will want to alert our many viewers to the change in name, effective January 1.
* Remove reference to Pierre Prosper. A “no show” should not have publicity!
* Add biographic statement about new member, Vijaya.

**2.  Integrate what we learned into our "handbook"** Peter will contact Jen to see about integrating his list into the handbook. In addition, there was a suggestion to paginate and provide an index.

**3. Transformation from Coalition to Center**: We discussed both *when* and *if* to make the transformation. We have been authorized to make the change for some time, and January 1, 2012 seems to be the right time. Yet to be more thoroughly discussed is whether to make use of the Center name as an umbrella for other like-minded groups like the Western Collegiate MUN.

**4.  Next Event**: We agreed to start planning by submitting topics to Peter by email. Note: to date, Barbara Margerum has responded. I include her list here:

WAR ON DRUGS: What has worked, what international bodies have oversight, does legalization work.

AMERICA'S FUTURE IN THE WORLD: Are we exceptional? Are we on the decline?

THE WORLD'S FUTURE:  WHAT SYSTEMS WILL PREVAIL

Ideas and institutions of Western civilization

or

Rise of non-Western states and their alternative institutions

Can both exist peacefully in this world?

THE OCEAN: Who/what controls? What is predicted for the future health of the world's oceans?

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: Patents, Wikileaks, rewards for research, esp. drugs,  what laws/rules govern, are they working?

FOREIGN AID: Too much, too little? Where does it go and why? What works, what doesn't? International aid...changing philosophy

POPULATION EXPLOSION: Predictions....near future and future: Plans & preparations. Parts of world/cultures/nations burgeoning.

FOOD...A CRISIS LOOMING?

Can food production keep pace with population?

Depleting forests for food production...long range effect

Effect of global warming and violent weather patterns on food production.

Distribution

Efficiency of food chain 35% of world grains go to feed livestock

High %^ of corn going to produce ethanol not food

A new look at the green revolution and transgenic crops

OK…..YOUR turn!!

6.  Our next meeting is set for January 10 at the NAPF Conference Room, 4 pm. We also discussed having a year-end celebration…a party! Lessie and Deb to work out details.