The following sentences contain passive voice. Rewrite those that would be better in active voice, and be prepared to explain why you did not change the others.

1. The initial edition of the classic book “The Elements of Style” was written by William Strunk Jr.
2. They were raised by a loving aunt and uncle, who loved them as though they were their own children.
3. Participants in the race were treated to ice cold watermelon at its conclusion.
4. County officials were tipped off by an anonymous informant that the illegal dumping by neighbors was taking place regularly.
5. It was determined by the board that the cost-cutting measures were ineffective.
6. The passive voice should be avoided unless there is a good reason to use it.
7. We were encouraged by several current members to attend the group’s recruitment event.
8. There is evidence of an increasing amount of skill and knowledge demonstrated by the wine maker in his latest releases.
9. The proposed plan will be bitterly opposed by local small business owners.
10. The major points of the presentation were buried in overly complex PowerPoint slides.