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Sisters and Brothers:

Next week we will examine and orient a large number of new applicants to our Local Union. We now hold these sessions quarterly instead of monthly. The applicants will be questioned about their participation in our industry and offered information on their obligations as Union members and their part in the Union process. Please watch the newsletter each month for the names of your new brothers and sisters, and welcome them to the Union family.

We are in the early planning stages for this year's picnic on September 10th at the forest preserve near the Union office (Catherine Chevalier Woods). We had a wonderful time last year and hope that even more of you can make it this year. Mark your calendar for a fun filled family day. Last year many of our contractors provided donations to make this a great event. Please talk to your employer and ask if they will support us again. We received raffle prizes and gifts, as well as funds to defray the cost of the food.

We are negotiating a first contract for the second unit at WLS AM Radio, as well as for a new contract for WTVO in Rockford. We have several inquiries from Video Production Companies and are following up on those as well. It is our intention to provide more Union work for our members. More Union contracts mean more protected work for our work force. We are working on a first contract with a media conversion facility. Their business is to take your photos, slides, all video formats, vinyl albums, photo restoration, and convert them to Disc. We expect that this will be a great service for all our members to take advantage of. We will keep you posted on all of these efforts. There is strength in numbers.

We were very pleased at the large turnout for our Utility Training class held at WTTW on March 30. Andy Fontana with the assistance of Kim Nicole and

Terry Schilling as well as Jim Sterne from our staff, did a great job of education for those who want to be called for this work.

We are also in the planning and registration stages of a special new Stewards Training Seminar to be held at the University of Wisconsin School for Workers in Madison, Wisconsin. If you have an interest in serving as a Steward, please contact the Union office to let us know, and we can discuss adding you to the list of attendees. Stewards are the front lines and the core of our Local Union. We will provide education and support, but we need you to step forward.

Every member should keep his or her personal Union library up to date. You each have been given a copy of our IBEW Constitution and ByLaws, as well as our Local Union ByLaws. Every new member receives them when they join. You also should have a copy of each contract under which you perform work. Copies of any of these documents are available to you at the Union office. You simply have to ask. Please call or email us at

info@ibew1220.org.

Our Union office is normally staffed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. We also check our email (info@ibew1220.org) often and can receive and respond to email outside of business hours. If you need to reach us after regular business hours, please contact us by calling 847-840-1220. You may also leave a message after hours on our voice mail system. Please keep in touch.

Remember to check your personal Web-Mail Box regularly and please delete the information after you have read it. Call the office for help if you need it. We have a full list here of addresses and passwords, as well as information on how to log in.

Wishing you a pleasant and productive spring!

The staff at IBEW 1220



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This Newsletter is published monthly by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1220, Radio and Television Broadcast Engineers, of Chicago, Illinois.

Anything you might expect to read in a business letter or see in a telegram that pertains to this Local and your part in it will be communicated to you through this channel of information. Consider this your dues invoice, your by-laws update, your meeting notice, and your call to participate.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Any member wishing to bring an issue of concern to the attention of the Executive Board of this Local Union may submit a request in writing to the Board at any time. The Board will review all requests and contact you to schedule the issue at a future meeting. They meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.



**REMEMBER TO NOTIFY
YOUR UNION OF ANY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS,
PHONE OR EMAIL**

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY,ST,ZIP _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

I.B.E.W 1220 CONTRACTS

WLS RADIO
190 N STATE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60601

WCEV RADIO
5356 W BELMONT
CHICAGO, IL 60641

WCIU TV
26 N HALSTED ST
CHICAGO, IL 60661

WBBM TV /RADIO
630 N MCCLURG CT
CHICAGO, IL 60611

WTVO-TV *
NORTH MERIDIAN RD
ROCKFORD, IL 61105

WGN RADIO
435 N MICHIGAN
CHICAGO, IL 60611

WGN TV
2501 W BRADLEY PL
CHICAGO, IL 60618

WYCC TV
7500 S PULASKI RD
CHICAGO, IL 60652

WMVP RADIO
190 N STATE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60601

WTTW TV
5400 N ST LOUIS AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60625

AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
175 S MASON
BENSENVILLE, IL 60106

CAMERA ORIGINALS
125 WINDSOR DR #107
OAKBROOK, IL 60523

EVENT ENGINEERING
640 PEARSON ST
DES PLAINES, IL 60016

FOX SPORTS – FOOTBALL
HOCKEY, BASEBALL, NASCAR
NATIONAL AGREEMENT

MEDIA PROCESS GROUP
770 N HALSTED #507
CHICAGO, IL 60622

MIRROR IMAGE VIDEO
28 WOODLAND TRAIL
PORTAGE, IN 46368

O.S.A. PRODUCTIONS
537 N EDGEWOOD AVE
WOODDALE, IL 60191

PRODUCT PRODUCTIONS
1806 W GRAND AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60622

PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS
870 OAK CREEK DR
LOMBARD, IL 60148

SHORELINE PRODUCTIONS
28 ASPEN RD BOX 1233
OGDEN DUNES, IN 46368

THEATRICAL LIGHTING CONNECTION
411 HEATHROW COURT
BURR RIDGE, IL 60521

THREE PHASE MEDIA
1658 N MILWAUKEE # 144
CHICAGO, IL 60647

VISIONS UNLIMITED
2065 E EXCHANGE
CRETE, IL 60417

NOTE THE AGREEMENTS FOR GOLAN PRODUCTIONS & HOOF AND MOUTH HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I need to start out this month with a few thank you's. To John Trautschold who took over last month. I succumbed to the flu going around and couldn't make it in. Thanks to Madeleine for covering a loss of newsletter column last month, (Did any of you notice?) and all of the hard work she does in the office. Thanks to Jim and Marie for holding down the fort. If you have never been in the office, even for a few minutes you don't know how busy these two are. Finally, thank to all the members who came out for the last union meeting. There was some lively discussion on events in our local and about the proposed bylaw changes entered last month.

The two proposals made in March were open for amendment at the April meeting and will now pass to the Executive Board for review along with any amendments that were made. At the May meeting, those proposals will come back to the membership for action if the Executive Board finds any reason they should not pass to a vote. I expect the May meeting to be well attended so plan on getting there early to get a seat. In addition to the two proposals already on the table, a third dues proposal was made at this month's meeting. The same action will take place on that proposal at the May meeting, where it will be open for amendment. Of all the proposals, this last one seems to me to address most of the issues surrounding the current language. As most of you are painfully aware, the current By-Laws can no longer respond to fluctuations in our expenses as they once did. To keep the local in a strong financial position, we need to be able to keep a workable cash reserve in the bank. (The International would like to see us have cash on hand equivalent to six months operating capital.)

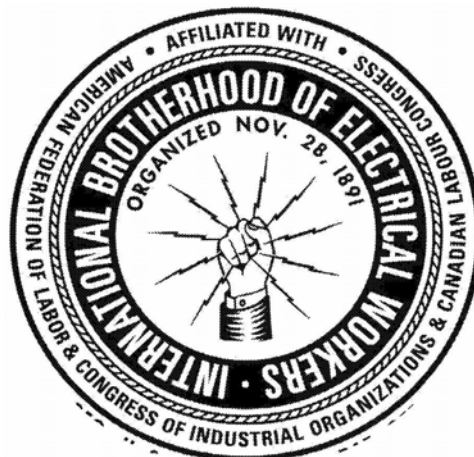
In addition to these proposals, our local union By-Laws are sadly out of date. The International has reminded us that many clauses need to reflect current constitutional (IBEW) language, and union policies as well as some federal law now on the books. This task of reviewing and rewriting the bylaws will fall on the Executive Board. I have suggested to the Board that they invite the officers (myself included) to attend meetings to hammer out a new document. Once this document is in a final form it will be presented to the membership for approval in the same way proposals are handled.

Many of you may not visit the IBEW website but I invite you to check it occasionally. The site (www.ibew.org) has many articles of interest to union members. One of the new additions to the site is form letters addressing various issues, which you can just fill in a few spaces and e-mail to your legislators. You will find this on the upper right hand corner of the home page under "Political/Legislative Action Center". This is a handy feature to help make your feelings known to your representatives. This month there is also a special article from our International President, Ed Hill, on Social Security and the Bush plan to change and privatize the plan. Although many of our younger members will not be affected by these changes for many years, our older and retired members will see some drastic changes in their immediate future. Although many believe that Social Security could be handled better, the sweeping changes proposed by President Bush may only benefit those people who need the retirement income the least. The site is also a great place to catch up on stories of other local struggles and wins. I find these stories interesting as they relate to the struggles of workers all over the North American continent. One that struck home is the move of Johnson Controls (Goshen, IN) to Mexico. Johnson Controls sponsors a robot team in the competition I am a part of.

See you all next month, Monday, May 2, at 7:00 PM.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz



YOU'NION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

JOSEPH WILLIAMS – WTTW
KAREN KULOVITZ – WCIU
RISA RECOON – WBBM TV
MARK STASIEWSKI – AESTHETIC ABSTR
RAY KRAMER – AESTHETIC ABSTR
JEREMIAH REEVES—WBBM TV

NEW MEMBERS:

BARRY WOOLEY—AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

The following members have met the requirements for the granting of this status:

FERN LOORY BONNIE BLOOM

IN SYMPATHY:

We are extremely sorry to report that Stan Kidd's granddaughter Riley died last month. She was two years old. There is another angel in heaven now.

COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

We continue to work for representation for the Illinois Official Court Reporters. We are working with our attorneys to move on this matter in the very near future.

Please email us with your email address for quicker communication in between newsletters. Send a message to info@ibew1220.org.

OUR CREDIT UNION ON LINE:

The Xerox Federal Credit Union—our Local's official credit union—has a web site filled with current, valuable information. Please check it out! www.xfcu.org

IBEW BABIES:

Welcome to Taylor Rae born 2-4—05, 6 lbs 8 oz , and 20 inches. Taylor joins her two brothers David and Alex and mother Rae and Dad Bill O'Toole (WGN TV)

BY LAWS CHANGES PROPOSED

At the March meeting the following two proposals were presented:

1) TERRY ROOS Card# 5122289 - Proposed By-law change:

Article 10 Section 5 to read: (a) All members, "A" and "BA", shall pay union dues based on their **gross wages**. Dues shall be calculated at 1.5% times the member's gross wages.

Payment of dues shall be deducted from the members payroll check. The member's contractor shall collect said dues and mail a monthly check and statement to the union office. Said statement will include members name, address, gross wages, and amount being paid per member. Dues of 1.5% shall be in effect for one (1) year from approval of the IBEW international. Every consecutive year on the anniversary date of this by-law change, dues will increase .1% (1/10th).

(b) Applicable International per capita shall be paid from dues collected in (a) above (c) (d) (e) Be Deleted

2) DON JOHNSON Card# 4158874 - Proposed By-law change:

Article 10 Section 5 to read: (a) "A" and "BA" Basic dues of \$2.50 plus 1.7% of all base pay.

Proposal one was discussed but not amended at the April meeting. It now goes to the Executive Board for their decision (to send out for a vote or to reject) Proposal two was discussed at the April meeting and amended as follows: Basic dues of \$2.50 plus 1.7% of all base pay limited to 40 hours per calendar week. It now goes to the executive Board for their decision (to send out for a vote or to reject)

At the April meeting the following proposal was presented

3) ED GLAB Card # 2654096—Proposed By-law change:

Article 10 Section 5 to read as follows: The monthly dues shall be (a) "A" and "BA" Basic dues of \$26.50 or 1.5% of gross wages, whichever is greater.

Wherever "Dues Checkoff" agreements are in effect: The employer or contractor shall deduct Basic Dues plus one-third (1/3) of the International per capita and all assessments (as provided in Sec. (b) below), on a monthly basis, from the Member's pay. Such funds shall be forwarded to the Local Union Office on a monthly basis, or as otherwise negotiated.

Wherever "Dues Checkoff" agreements are not in effect: Each individual Member shall be responsible for payment of Basic Dues plus the International per capita and all assessments (as provided in Sec. (b) below) on a quarterly basis to the Local Union Office. Basic Dues shall be calculated at the end of each quarter's gross wages, and delivered to the Local Union Office by the fifteenth (15th) of the month following the end of that quarter (i.e. First quarter dues are payable no later than April 15th).

The rate at which Basic Dues are assessed shall be subject to annual review by the Business Manager and Executive Board based on the balance in the General Fund and anticipated expenditures. Any proposed change in such rate shall be subject to approval of a majority vote of those present at the next General Membership meeting. Any rate change will go into effect at the beginning of the next quarter. Delete section (e)

This Proposal (#3) was read only and shall be discussed and possibly amended at the May meeting.

MORE YOU-NION NEWS

LABOR NEEDED FOR IBEW/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE

The IBEW is supporting the Jimmy Carter Work Project 2005/Harbor Habitat For Humanity in Benton Harbor Michigan. There is a need for manpower from June 19th to 24th. Please contact your Union office to volunteer.

AFL-CIO FOOD DRIVE MAY 14

The Illinois AFL-CIO and the national Association of Letter Carriers have asked us to participate in the NALC Food Drive on May 14th. One of the most urgent needs is for volunteers to collect, sort and deliver food. If you live in or near one of the following cities, please call the number listed to volunteer:

ARLINGTON HTS	Brian Rohan	847-255-8475	AURORA	Mary Fruit	630-844-8810
CHICAGO	Jewel Jones	312-427-2717	DES PLAINES	Luis Rivas, Jr	847-827-5455
DOWNERS GRV	Tammy McAuley	630-515-9070	DUNDEE	Vergil Barros	847-426-2441
ELMHURST	Marie Didier	630-279-2090	GLENVIEW	Mark Jurasik	847-729-1518
GRAYSLAKE	William Schorsch	847-623-1373	MELROSE PK	Cath Bozeman	708-699-3821
MORTON GRV	Evan Johnson	847-965-1621	MT PROSPECT	Christine Wagner	847-392-2731
MUNDELEIN	Kathleen Dador	847-566-3907	NAPERVILLE	Debbie Blake	630-717-2659
OAK PARK	Maureen Biskup	708-848-6561	PALATINE	Carl F Oefelein	847-359-1796
ROCKFORD	Wendy Brandon	815-877-7071	SKOKIE	Patricia Murphy	847-676-2344
WHEATON	Marvin Billups	630-682-5529	WHEELING	Tina Harper	847-945-1206
WILMETTE	Barbara Sledge	847-251-6039	WILMINGTON	Arlen Scott	815-476-9052

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PUTS IBEW WORKERS IN DANGER

The International Office has asked that we spread the word about the serious risk on IBEW members employed at the Dept of Defense. The National Security Personnel System (NSPS) will take away workers rights and wages. Please learn more about this by checking out www.uniteddodworkerscoalition.org, and then ask your Senators and Representatives to stop DOD from implementing NSPS.

NOMINATION'S SOUGHT FOR GIBSON AWARD

Each year the IL AFL-CIO seeks nominations for the Robert Gibson Community Services Award. A worthy member of any of the affiliated Unions can be nominated for his/her outstanding volunteerism in the community and/or local union. Forms and instructions are available from the Union office. Please call or email info@ibew1220.org.

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS NEW OFFER FOR MORTGAGES

The AFL-CIO has arranged for special residential mortgages, home equity loans or refinancing for Union members. Contact William R Kimberley st 847-318-4601 or WILLIAM_KIMBERLEY@COUNTRYWIDE.COM

NOTICE OF AWARD TO AL SKIERKIEWICZ FOR HIS WORK WITH FIRST

"The Regional Woodie Flowers Award celebrates effective communication in the art and science of engineering and design. In 2005, FIRST will recognize one adult member from a participating team at each of the 30 Regional competitions. Of these 30 talented mentors, one will be selected to win the Woodie Flowers Award at the Championship in Atlanta, GA" At the awards ceremony Friday night, they read the following after the above about the winner— "And now on to the Finalist here at the Midwest Regional. This mentor has been involved in FIRST for a decade. He has not only helped mentor his team to great heights, but has also provided valuable advice to numerous teams via the Chief Delphi website. From mentoring FIRST LEGO League teams to teaching concepts in analog and digital electronics design, this man has made FIRST an integral part of his life and by so-doing touched the lives of so many more in a very positive way.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAY DAY CELEBRATION AT HAYMARKET

The Illinois Labor History Society, the Chicago Federation of Labor and several other organizations representing workers are sponsoring a May Day Celebration at the site of the New Haymarket Memorial on Des Plaines Avenue between Randolph and Lake. Come and join in on Sunday May 1st at 2:00 pm.

REQUEST TO ATTEND SOCIAL SECURITY STRATEGY SESSION

The Illinois AFL-CIO has asked that we send interested members to a special meeting being held to discuss the strategy for a protest of the dismantling of our social security system. Please contact the office if you are interested in taking part.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 2ND AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

DUES WERE DUE ON APRIL 1ST

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