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NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

The nominations for officers of Local Union 1220 will be held on May 4, 2009 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Local meeting located at 8605 W Bryn Mawr Ave Suite 309, Chicago, IL. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate. Nominations will be accepted orally, the nomination will not require a second.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years:

President
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary / Business Manager / Delegate to the International Convention
Treasurer
Executive Board Member (9 positions)

Additionally, nominations will be held for 3 delegates and 3 alternates to the International Convention. The Business Manager/Financial Secretary shall be a candidate for the delegate position contingent with his/her office as stated in Article VIII, Section 3 of the Local Union By Laws. This leaves two delegate positions open to nominations for the at-large election. No member nominated for the office of Business Manager may be nominated for the 2 at-large delegate positions since the position of delegate is considered as an office in the local union for the purpose of the election.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 1220. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the 2 years preceding the nominations.

An election judge and tellers will be appointed at the close of nominations. None of these may be a candidate for any office.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot and those ballots shall be counted on June 2, 2009, at a time determined by the Executive Board and provided to you with your ballot.. All "A" and "BA" members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than 15 days prior to the above specified date. Ballots will be picked up at 3:00 p.m. on June 2, 2009. Any ballot received after that time will not be counted. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot.

In you do not receive a ballot in the mail by May 19, 2009 please call the election judge immediately at 312-282-1788 and request a replacement ballot.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3 year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 1, 2009.

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge as soon as possible before the election is certified. Once the election is certified any protest of the election is to be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election. The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Election Judge, *Don Johnson*

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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.

Any article submitted for publication should be sent by mail, Fax or email to:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE 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, stating the reason for the request.



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

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

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE
Our contractors are listed on the web site—www.ibew1220.org

YOUR UNION NEWS

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Members can view the agenda, bills and copies of the correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting by appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The new IBEW Local 1220 scholarship is now available to children of our members who are either seniors going into college or continuing college students. Please contact the office for applications. Deadline for receipt of apps is June 1, 2009. First 30 received will be judged and processed for awards of \$500.00 each. Application and details were published in last month's newsletter. You can find it on our web site and reprint www.ibew1220.org.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of GEORGE WARREN (Freelance) who passed away April 4th. He will be missed.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

WITOLD JANCZAK (Freelance) who is recovering from By-Pass surgery. Get better soon!

IBEW BABY:

Congratulations to ROBERT KAISER (freelance) and his wife Suzanne, on the birth of baby girl Veronica Pilar on February 20, 2009. This is the first child for the Kaiser's

N.A.B. THIS MONTH

If you are attending—please share a report with the Local.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED TO:

The following members have met the requirements for receiving this status:

WILLIAM NATALE—left broadcasting for media buying
JANUSZ DOLINSKI—retired

FIRST READINGS:

JOEL SACRAMENTO – AV ONE
BRIAN FOLEY – CBS DETROIT

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

JENNIFER SCHWARZ – WGN NEWSWRITER
THOMAS KALTZ – CBS MICHIGAN
KYLE GALLAGHER – CBS MINN
KATE SEDROWSKI – AESTHETIC ABS
PHELAN POWELL – WGN TV NEWS

UNION SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

There are just a few IBEW Local 1220 shirts still available in the union office. For \$20.00 one could be yours.

Sizes and colors (Navy or White) are limited.

Call or email the Union office and let us know.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in April of 2009. Rumors continue to flourish about the local's future, the economy and employment. Yes, things are pretty bad, ad revenues are down, newspapers are going out of business or filing for protection. Things have become very uncertain for our members. Locally, Chicago Tribune, the parent company of WGN, has been struggling as of late with restructuring and Chapter 11 filings. The Chicago City Schools, parent of WYCC, is struggling as the City of Chicago faces money issues. At WBBM ad revenues are down, as are those of the CBS network. Corporate grants and foundations are cutting back, everyone is preparing for an economic minimum. This is the moment when our union needs your help. Watch for jurisdiction incursions and report them to your stewards. Stress is at an all time high so watch for critical signs in your coworkers. Help them get help when they need it. If your contract is starting negotiations, please fill out and return the surveys. They are critical to making your voice be heard at the table. If you shop is in negotiations, follow the contract, report for work on time, get the job done.

As you have noticed, the union elections are coming soon. The notice on front page of the newsletter is the official announcement. Nominations for all officers will take place at the union meeting next month, on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7 PM. Those members seeking office must be present to voice their acceptance or must have presented a written acceptance to the office prior to the meeting. Art XVI, Section 10 of the IBEW Constitution... **Sec. 10.** No member shall be nominated for office unless he is present or signifies his willingness in writing, nor shall he be eligible for any office unless he has been a member in continuous good standing at least two (2) years in the L.U. immediately prior to nomination, providing the L.U. has been in existence for this length of time. When it is impracticable or impossible for a L.U. to elect officers with the required standing, the I.P. may grant special dispensation.

The International is overseeing the election this year. I have met recently with several IO Reps and the election process is in place and moving along. Post office boxes have been obtained and secured per the IO. The calendar of events is set and understood so that everything will take place as needed. I will appoint an election judge and tellers following the nominations in May. If you would like to serve on the election committee and do not intend to run for office please let me or the office know prior to the May meeting so you can be considered. The election will be held following the nominations by mail ballot. The ballot will be mailed to the address on record at the union office. Ballots from members in good standing only will be counted prior to the start of the June meeting. If you do not receive a ballot by the middle of May, please contact the election judge for a replacement ballot.

See you all next month for nominations on Monday May 4 at 7PM.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

So much is going on in so many of your shops and stations, and affecting our per diems everywhere. Updates have been sent recently to many of you and we welcome input, especially from those of you with a contract open or about to be opened for negotiation.

The 1st of April we opened the contract with WYCC, Chicago City Colleges. We hope for an early meeting with the company and have already set a meeting with the shop.

Next to be opened is the WGN TV agreement with Tribune Company. Your surveys, or informal input is still welcome here. Email mmonaco@ibew1220.org or drop me a line at the union office.

I gave up my space on the cover for our very important election notice. Every 3 years we have the opportunity to vote for new officers to direct your Local Union. Please take the time to vote. You will have received materials from some of the candidates already—be aware that ALL of them pay for the mailing expense and postage before their materials are sent to you. The Union does not pay for the processing or mailing of this material. Because our election was contested and re-run last time, the International Vice President has assigned International Representative John Briston to oversee the entire process. We hope each of you will participate by casting a ballot. Please be sure that we have your current address on file.

The Sixth District Progress Meeting and Women's Conference will be held in Chicago this fall. We will be considering what form our participation will take. Please pass along any suggestions you might have for LU 1220 to host a part of this event for all of our Brothers and Sisters in the Sixth District (MN, IN, WI, IL and MI)

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING NAMES OF THE UNDEREMPLOYED WHO MAY NOT BE ON OUR VIDEO PRODUCTION CONTRACTOR'S REGULAR CREW LISTS. If this includes you—drop us a line and we will share your interest with the contractors and crews in our group. We have already transmitted a group of names with skills to those who do the hiring and can always add more.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco, Business Manager

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

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MONDAY, MAY 4TH AT 7:00 PM

AT THE UNION OFFICE

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Nominations for Local Union officer positions this month

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