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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We exist in a wider frame of reference than just our home and work lives reflect. The society in which we function has many facets that affect us in many ways. Just this past month we interacted with the greater labor community while the AFL-CIO Convention was here in Chicago. Many of our members worked at Navy Pier during the Convention, ([see photos on page 5](#)) and many more of our members shot news stories covering the Convention. The Business Manager and staff spent time making sure this event was a good reflection on the Chicago Labor community.

During the same week we participated in a bill signing ceremony at the Governor's Chicago office. We are indeed part of the political community both here in Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and in a National framework.

Our networking by web mail is functioning well. Just recently a member with items to give away helped a member with a need for those same items at his small station by sharing the info on webmail. We communicate daily with our retirees, our members, our management counterparts and our Union leaders by using this fast, efficient means of electronic communication. As new members join us, we assign them their own discreet web mail address to use. Please make sure you remember and remind your co-workers and union friends to check your web mail at least once a week. We do communicate that way to you regularly.

The picnic should be bigger and better this year than last. We have asked our Contractors and Station business partners to donate door prizes and gifts to share. We will be giving out our IBEW Seniority Award pins this year at the picnic instead of at the December meeting. Please bring your families and make it a fun day. See you there!

In Solidarity,

Ro Wratschko

SECOND ANNUAL UNION PICNIC

IBEW 1220

SATURDAY, SEPT 10, 2004

CATHERINE CHEVALIER WOODS

EAST RIVER ROAD @ BRYN MAWR
(just west of Union Hall)



Bring your family
GAMES—FOOD— FUN

Please let us know how many are coming
Call 773-714-1220 or email info@ibew1220.org

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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 _____

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

FOX SPORTS – FOOTBALL
HOCKEY, BASEBALL, NASCAR
NATIONAL AGREEMENT

AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
P.O. BOX 802
CHICAGO, IL 60616

AUDIO VISUAL ONE
4625 N 25TH AVE
SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176

CAMERA ORIGINALS
125 WINDSOR DR #107
OAKBROOK, IL 60523

CHICAGO MEDIA CONVERSIONS
3353 S PRIARIE
CHICAGO, IL 60616

EVENT ENGINEERING
2334 W NORTH AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60647

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

There is so much big news I hardly know where to start. If you have been listening to the news lately you will know that the AFL-CIO convention was recently held in Chicago. Thanks to our members who worked this event, they had an opportunity to demonstrate their skills for our International President and Secretary. As a special addition to the convention, Governor Rod Blagojevich reenacted the signing of the house bill that removes the Illinois Supreme Court as the employer of the Illinois Court Reporters. Many union dignitaries and court reporters were in attendance, including the International President, Secretary-Treasurer and Sixth District Vice President.

At the convention, two big groups announced their official withdrawal from the combined labor organization AFL-CIO. The Teamsters and the SEIU, part of a separatist movement including seven other unions, officially resigned from the fifty five year old AFL-CIO the first day of the convention. They cite the need to change the ways organized labor challenges employers, government and the methods needed to organize more workers. As a labor member, I am surprised at the move and hope that this does not produce a worse future for workers in the US. As a labor leader, I know that new methods must be tried to achieve a goal when the past practices are no longer effective. To add to the confusion the Bush administration announced CAFTA, a free trade agreement that extends to Central America. I cannot help but realize that good, formerly union jobs are now going offshore. With this realization comes the fear that the US is losing production capabilities, economic base and the ability to defend itself. In spite of that, I look around and see the plight of workers who for years have fallen behind in their ability to realize the American dream and are struggling every day to keep food on the table and provide for their families.

You may have also heard of the splitting of Viacom, parent to CBS radio and television. In what is projected as a business move, Viacom is splitting it's holdings along business lines with the mature and stable radio and TV properties forming one division and the cable and movie businesses forming the other. Sumner Redstone (Viacom CEO) announced today that he would be stepping down after the split but would be retaining the position of Chairman of the Board of the Viacom parent.

WTTW is celebrating it's fiftieth anniversary with events taking place throughout the year. A gala will be transmitted live from Millennium Park, on Saturday, August 20. Highlights are being prepared from the many programs originating from WTTW studios over the years and will be broadcast as part of Chicago Tonight. Watch for them, it will bring back memories. Do you remember when WTTW studios were a permanent exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry? During those early years, our transmitter was located on the Field building and then moved to the 1000 N. Lakeshore Drive building. When Sears Tower was completed the transmitting facilities were installed there and that is where they remain today.

Please remember to keep Saturday, September 10 open for the Local 1220 Union Picnic to held from noon to 4. The picnic will be held in the Catherine Chevalier Woods, the forest preserve just a block or so west of the union office so it is easy to find. Please come help us celebrate the members who achieve milestone anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, etc.) of union membership this year and have some food and good cheer with fellow union members.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz



FIRST READINGS: none this month

NEW MEMBERS:

JASON COLON—WGN TV
COURTNEY COPENHAGEN—WGN TV
JOEVANNY HERNANDEZ—WYCC TV
KAREN KULOVITZ—WCIU TV
EMELINA ORTIZ—CHGO MEDIA CONVERSIONS
NATE GRANATIR—CHGO MEDIA CONVERSIONS
AARON COLLARD—CHGO MEDIA CONVERSIONS
COLIN CLARKE—WTVO
BARRY HETMAN—FOX SPORTS
MICHAEL SYMONDS—FOX SPORTS
MATTHEW WAGNER—WGN TV
NATE ARGER—CAMERA ORIGINALS

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

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

JAMES ORTON—WTVO no longer in broadcast
COURTNEY COPENHAGEN—not in unit anymore
HARALD HOFFMAN—WTVO not in broadcasting
MATTHEW SALAS—now a Berwyn police officer

UNION MEMBERS IN POLITICAL OFFICE

The International Office has requested that we identify any Union members serving in or running for a political office on any level of government. We have on file at the Union office candidate profile forms for you to fill out. Please contact us to advise. Currently, the IBEW has more members elected to public office than any other union.

COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

On July 25, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich met in his Chicago office with a group of Official Court Reporters and IBEW and Illinois AFL-CIO officers for a photo session commemorating his signing of HB 2260, the legislation which finally gives Illinois Official Court Reporters the same collective bargaining rights as other Illinois government employees. Those present included Local 1220 Business Manager Ro Wratschko, IBEW International officers President Ed Hill, Secretary-Treasurer Jon Walters, and Sixth District Vice President Jeff Lohman, International Representatives Alan Goddard and Lonnie Stephenson, Illinois AFL-CIO President Margaret Blackshere and Secretary Treasurer Mike Carrigan, and Illinois Director of Labor Art Ludwig.



We have contacted the Chief Judge of each Circuit Court and requested recognition as the collective bargaining representative of the Official Court Reporters. We will continue to work for a Union contract to improve working conditions and protect the rights of the Official Court Reporters.

**CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR
LABOR IN THE PULPIT**

Please consider speaking to a congregation on this Labor Day weekend. The Chicago Federation of Labor has training available for you—a short session either in the afternoon or the evening. You may volunteer to speak to your own congregation or be assigned to one who has requested a speaker.

Application information is available at the Union office—simply email or call to receive it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Union Meeting—September 6—7:00 pm
Union Picnic—September 10—Noon to 4:00 pm
Executive Board Meeting—September 19—7:00 pm

IN SYMPATHY:

To the family and friends of DICK SHANAHAN (WGN RET) who passed away July 5th.

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

TONIGHT'S PANEL DISCUSSION IS ABOUT LABOR ISSUES!

U.S. MEDIA

WALMART NIKE GM

LABOR EXPERTS

Upcoming Shows:
Captains of Industry Explain Environmentalism
U.S. Army Generals Hold Forth on Peace
Men Talk About Women's Reproductive Rights
White People Comment on Race Relations
Foxes Discuss Guarding Hen Houses

IBEW 1220 At Work!
AFL-CIO CONVENTION NAVY PIER, CHICAGO, 2005



from left to right

Front row —Chris Sabia, BJ Scahill, David Alexander, IBEW International President Ed Hill, 1220 Contractor Floyd Dillman—Event Engineering, International Secretary-Treasurer Jon Walters, Mark Power, Ken Fabiszak, Carmen Trombetta, Pat McCool, Back row—Jason Kropp, Jerry Skora, Kevin Watson



AFL-CIO Video area at Navy Pier during the July Convention.

IBEW Sixth District International Vice President Jeff Lohman with 1220 members David Alexander and Carmen Trombetta.

Photo by Pat McCool

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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