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Dear Members and Friends,

**WE WISH YOU
A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY**



HOLIDAY SEASON

Your Local Union 1220 staff,
Madeleine, Marie, Jim and Jenn

MEETING NOTICE

The January meeting will be held on Monday, January the 9th, at 7:00 pm, at the Union Hall. Our business will include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- An update on the proposed bylaw changes
- A report on the Sexual harassment recognition training class
- A report on the Arbitration training class

Please join us ! Make it YOUR Union in 2006!

We decided to mail—in addition to emailing—this December newsletter, so you would be sure to see our Holiday greeting! Please remember to check your IBEW web mail every week for communications from your Union. If you need to ask again for your web address and password, you can email us at info@ibew1220.org, or call the office at 773-714-1220, anytime. Please keep in touch!

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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 _____



DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1ST

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO CHECK YOUR UNION
EMAIL FOR THE RATE AND SEND YOUR CHECK,
OR CALL WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD INFO.

YOU-NION NEWS

FIRST READINGS:

CHRISTOPHER MCKNIGHT – WBBM
DANIEL MORRIS – WTTW
ROLAND GHETTY – WGN TV
LANCE SPALLA – PROGRAM PROD.
JOSE HERRERA – CBS GOODYEAR AIRSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

MIKE SULLIVAN – FOX SPORTS

IN SYMPATHY:

To the family and friends and Union Brothers and Sisters of Paul Crum WGN Retired, who passed away November 5th at age 96.

CONGRATULATIONS

MICHAEL SULLIVAN, FREELANCE and his wife Diana, on their wedding November 12th.

KEITH ALTAVILLA (Freelance) and his wife Rosie on the birth of their son Aidan James, October 17th.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

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

DON GEIGNER—Retiring from WTTW

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's December already and as I look back over 2005 I realize that we had another very busy year. Times are getting harder in our business, and our members are being asked to do more for less with less people. In spite of this, our members are putting in stellar performances, getting the work done and making some very fine television in the process. I can't express how moved I am for someone to point out the work of our local stations and to know that Local 1220 members are making that happen. As I talk to our members, I receive reports on the conditions at various events. We couldn't turn this into a television series because no one would believe us. I applaud you for sticking to it and getting the job done. It shows that we are truly an organization of professionals.

I missed handing out service pins at our December meeting in lieu of presenting them at the Local picnic in September. The presentation of these mementos of I.B.E.W. service reminds me of all those who have blazed the trail before me. When I first became part of this tradition, all those who received pins had far more service than I. Now, less and less members have more time in than I and it is sad to realize that I too am getting older. I can only hope we keep this tradition alive to recognize the work our members have accomplished and their years of service as members of the I.B.E.W.

You may have heard of changing policies at some of your stations. Please check with your steward(s) whenever you find a change has been implemented. The stewards are the first line of defense for this local and they protect all shops in our jurisdiction. Help them by keeping them informed.

The recent cold weather and snow may have caught some of us by surprise. Please be prepared for anything that might come along if you are on the street. Many of you spend long hours in the cold and wind, shooting during the winter. Remember to keep hydrated, winter is a time when people easily lose moisture. Signs of dehydration include dizziness, being lightheaded, slurring words and lack of muscle control. Many of these symptoms are also signs of hypothermia and both are serious threats to your health. If you or one of your coworkers starts to show these signs, react immediately. Get inside, drink fluids and check your extremities for frostbite.

I would like to thank Jennifer, Marie, Jim and Madeleine for a great December meeting. There was great food and I had a wonderful time. Thanks to the members who braved the cold and snow to come out on a really bad night. I appreciate your effort to help the local conduct business and celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Thanks to everyone who has attended meetings this past year, your attendance has helped this local survive.

My best wishes for you and your family during this joyous time of the year. May the New Year bring great happiness and prosperity to us all.

Fraternally, *Alan J. Skierkewicz*

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Around the Jurisdiction—

At WBBM—we have attended two disciplinary meetings; filed an OSHA complaint; worked with our member and attorneys on terminated employee; discussed deposition testimony with several members. Expedited Arbitration set for January 23, 2006.

At WTTW—we met regarding new productions and are awaiting info from management before proceeding.

For Fox—attended the semi annual meeting and negotiated the use of Utility workers for trail periods in skilled positions.

At WGN TV— handled two grievances—one for non-unit people taping—we were successful and one for life insurance access—still pending.

For Video Production Contracts—requested proposals from all in group; received proposals from core group; met with key people to merge proposals; called to schedule negotiations.

At WTVO—scheduled a negotiating session for December 19th. New proposals written with Steward input.

At WLS for the new unit—we have arranged for the assistance of International Rep and have scheduled negotiations on January 12th.

Invited all Stewards and Officers to attend December Dinner meeting—unfortunately the snowfall impeded the progress of many. But those who attended had a great meal and a short meeting before going out in the snow!

Attended an Arbitration Class at U of I in Champaign—excellent 5 day (and night) class presented by a law professor who is a professional arbitrator—concluding with a mock arbitration (the Union won!!)

At the office—Jenn has set up a system for tracking grievances with double back up; Marie working out a new procedure for billing working dues due to a change ordered by the International; set up payroll to be done by a service to alleviate some of the costs of doing tax returns; met with a telephone re-seller—but learned that this would impact our Brothers and Sisters in IBEW 21, so no; met with Neopost rep to arrange for a free trial on a folding machine, staff were trained on its use. Jim and Terry are both working on hotel and convention center work

Wishing you the best New year ever—

In Solidarity, *Madeleine Monaco*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???
INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

2006

UTILITY WORK APPLICATION

ONLY THOSE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN (or have participated in) A MANDATORY UTILITY TRAINING CLASS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS WORK.

The Union occasionally receives requests for utility workers for CBS, Fox Sports events and our video production contractors. To be included in the selection sequence for these positions during 2006 you MUST submit this form AND attend the utility training class.

The Executive Board has determined the order in which members will be called for these jobs.

I WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR UTILITY WORK

I CAN BE REACHED DURING THE DAY BY PHONE OR EMAIL

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

NAME _____

PLEASE PRINT

MAIL TO: IBEW 1220, 8605 W BRYN MAWR #309, CHICAGO, IL 60631
OR FAX TO (773) 693-0009 OR EMAIL TO INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THIS FORM REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS FORMS. YOU MUST RENEW YOUR INTENT EACH YEAR - ONLY SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED MARKED FOR 2005 WORK WILL BE INCLUDED.