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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

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Sisters and Brothers:

In addition to our members who provide the technical expertise that makes Chicago Emmy Award winning television simply by their everyday work on shows broadcast in Chicago - the Chicago Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has recognized the following IBEW 1220 members for their excellence:

Michael D'Angelo WGN, Barbara Allen, Tim Boyd WTTW, Chris Cangilla, Damon Ranger, Fred Breitberg, Mike Klingele, Mike Torchia WBBM

We applaud their EMMY wins and offer congratulations to all of you who work to make Chicago TV and Radio the best that it can be.

We also applaud our long time members who were honored at the December meeting for their years of service in the IBEW. They are:

20 YEARS	STEVEN BERNSTEIN	TOMMY BRYANT	CHUCK DAVIDSON		
	DONNA FINLON	TIMOTHY GAFFNEY	CLARK GRAY		
	DAVE GRUNDTVIG	TIM JACKSON	DONALD LANSU		
	CRAIG MARLOWE	PAUL WHEELER			
25 YEARS	MONICA BARNETT	THAD BEMBENISTA	ART BETTS		
	MARY CALVIN	TOM HLADIK	KURT HOLTZ		
	IKE ISAAC	PHIL LUCAS	DAN MCGOWEAN		
	STEVEN MILLER	JEAN REMSEN	DAVE STERLING		
	THAD SZYMANSKI				
30 YEARS	ROY ALAN	ROBERT HAMMOND	RICK MOSER		
	ERIK PRENTNIEKS	BRUCE REHBERGER	WILLIE SNEED		
	JOHN TRAUTSCHOLD				
35 YEARS	JERROLD BINDER	BARRY BLUE	RICHARD DAVIES	ALAN ROSEN	JERRY SKORA
40 YEARS	DON HALL	JIM WALTERS	55 YEARS	FRANK BARTUSEK	RAY KIRK
60 YEARS	JOHN BREISTER—John passed away on the day we were giving the awards—He will be missed!				
65 YEARS	JOHN BOBERA	PHILLIP FLOWER	AL MAZURE		PAUL PROKES
70 YEARS	ROBERT PERKINS				

May your New Year be filled with honors and accolades! My best wishes to you and your families.

In Solidarity

Madeleine Monaco

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, January 8th AT 7PM

AT THE UNION OFFICE

Come in and discuss the business of your Local Union
We need to plan for the long range goals of the Local.
Your input would be welcome.



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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 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](#). 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
 180 N. Stetson
 CHICAGO, IL 60601

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
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WMVP RADIO
 190 N STATE ST
 CHICAGO, IL 60601

WTTW TV
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 OAKBROOK, IL 60523

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 22 WEST 344 HILCREST TR.
 MEDINAH, IL 60157

EVENT ENGINEERING
 2334 W NORTH AVE
 CHICAGO, IL 60647

MEDIA PROCESS GROUP
 1327 W WASHINGTON ST #103
 CHICAGO, IL 60607

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 PRODUCTION
 28 ASPEN RD BOX 1233
 OGDEN DUNES, IN 46368

THEATRICAL LIGHTING CONNECTION
 411 HEATHROW COURT
 BURR RIDGE, IL 60521

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2006 comes to close, we can see that consumers are finally coming to the HD world and buying new hardware for their home viewing. Sparked in part by lower prices and more model choices, consumers appear to be driving an HD/Digital TV sales boon that will finally raise the number of viewers of our HD programming. As this trend continues, many of our stations are planning or are currently installing new hardware to support the multi-channel digital future. At least one station has increased the number of digital channels it broadcasts and is considering the addition of a second language channel as well. The FCC has mandated that the EAS rules be applied to all channels in the broadcast stream, so stations are installing new equipment to stay in compliance. FM radio is also seeing a rise in "HD Radio", the digital service that is being touted as the channel between the channels. All of this added technology as well as new production tools, prove one thing: a working knowledge of computers is essential for the future of our industry.

Each of these new technologies bring with them computer control. More and more systems are becoming network dependent and the need for video over networks is becoming consistently demanding for our members and our jurisdiction. I cannot stress this strongly enough, you need to know and understand the computer environment to function in broadcasting in the future. If you do not have a computer at home, this may be the year you need to buy yourself a holiday gift. Virtually every system installed at my station in the last year has had a computer interface or full up computer control surface. That includes satellite receivers and production switchers. If you had attended a union meeting in the last six months, you would have heard the many station representative's reports on new equipment installations. You would have heard of the ongoing plans for the WBBM move to the loop and the new MC installation at WCIU as well as WTTW's plans for a new HD server and archival system.

I had the extreme pleasure of presenting service pins to members and retirees at the December meeting who celebrated an anniversary of a multiple of five years starting with 25 years of IBEW membership. This year's is one of the largest lists in my memory. Congratulations to all who are being recognized this year. We even are sending out a package to a person who surpassed 70 years as an IBEW member this year. We owe those members who have been working for a long time, a debt of gratitude. Their diligence and sacrifice in this industry had made it better for all of us.

I have received a letter of resignation from Pam Moralde as Recording Secretary. My thanks go out to Pam for coming forward to serve the local. We are in need of another applicant though. If you are interested and can attend the monthly general membership meeting (most of the time) please consider applying for this position. Your union needs you. If you are interested or need to know more, please contact me or Madeleine or one of the Executive Board members.

From my family to yours, I send the Best of the Season and hope for a safe and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

Al Skierkiewicz

YOU UNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

ALONZO BUCHANAN JR – OHIO – FOX SPORTS
ADAM PHILLIPS – WGN RADIO PER DIEM
DAVID PELLEZZ – WYCC EDITOR FULL TIME
ROB KALBFUS – WTVO
MARK L JAMES – CBS NEWS
ORAL USER – CBS

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

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

BENJAMIN LYNN RANTOUL NO MORE BROADCAST
MICHELLE BOONE FULL TIME IN OTHER PROFESSION
ANNETTE DESHOTELS FULL TIME IN OTHER FIELD
KIMBERLY STANTON NO LONGER IN A UNION JOB

NEW COMMITTEES

A new committee has been formed to investigate and possibly recommend a **restructuring of our dues** system. This committee is chaired by former Executive Board Member, Scott Jones, and includes Steve Wright and Juan Carranza. One more staff employee member is needed—please consider volunteering.

A second committee is being formed to **identify stations and companies in our industry as targets** for organizing. The people on this committee would not be doing the organizing but would be assisting the Local Union in identifying targets. Please consider volunteering -call the Union office or email us at info@ibew1220.org.

NEW MEMBERS

ESTEBAN BONILLA – WYCC TV
PATRICK HARTNEY – WBBM TV P.D

Don't forget to plan for the International Per Capita increase to take effect on 1-1-07.
BA members dues will go up \$1.00 per month/\$3.00 per quarter.
See last month's newsletter for details.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

MONDAY JANUARY 8TH AT 7:00 PM

START THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR UNION!

**DUES ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2007
REMEMBER THE PER CAPITA INCREASE**

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