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RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST ENGINEERS NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

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Our video production contracts have been negotiated and approved, and they have been ratified by the members who work under those agreements. We offer our heartiest congratulations to Chuck Mason for his work on this project. He is a definite asset to this Local Union and has our gratitude for his perseverance. The contracts are being processed. The additional benefits added this year were voted on by the majority to go toward 401k, bringing partially paid retirement benefits to this work group for the first time.

Our new budget has been presented by our Treasurer, Ed Glab, and approved. It is a guideline for our income and outgo over the 2007 fiscal year.

Our entire work force is being affected by the cutbacks and reductions in force. People leaving are not being replaced, people are being let go for financial reasons, people are being asked to perform more duties. If you know of an opening for a broadcast technician, please share it with us so that we can share it with our unemployed brothers and sisters.

We are still in need of a committee to identify targets for organizing. We are still in need of a Recording Secretary. We are working on a dues restructuring. Scott Jones is heading up that committee. We are working on providing orientation for new members. Any material that our members feel would be useful for this educational process should be sent to us for compiling into a comprehensive program for new members.

We are negotiating renewal contracts at WCEV, WCIU and WYCC. We will be announcing a vote on an extension of our current CBS National Agreement shortly. We are awaiting news of the sale of WLS AM Radio to Citadel. Our winter IBEW/CBS semi-annual meeting will be held later this month. Some of the broadcast Business Managers will be attending the Super Bowl to make sure things go well for our members.

Our Examining Board and Executive Board meeting has been moved forward to January 15th, even though it is a Holiday, as I will be out of town on the scheduled date due to that CBS meeting. Please also note that your Union cards show an incorrect day of the week for our September meeting. The September meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10th (not Saturday). We will let you know if we decide to hold a Union picnic this coming fall.

Once more, please email us with your most often used email address—we will save many trees and much time and money if we can email you instead of mailing paper.

In Solidarity

*Madeleine Monaco*

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, February 7, 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*  
*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- SPORTS  
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

DIGITAL BLUE, INC.  
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-SPORTS  
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  
CHICAGO, IL 60647

VISIONS UNLIMITED  
2065 E EXCHANGE  
CRETE, IL 60417

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now many of you have heard that 2007 is beginning with a bang. Announced last week, CBS has let go a number of employees both in the union and outside the union at many of its stations. Here in Chicago, five 403.G employees were given notice on Friday, in addition to several other employees who also received notice. WCBS in New York has also made some changes and terminations of some of its ON AIR talent were included. This comes on the heels of a large reduction in the use of per diem employees in November network wide. There has been no reference to a change in plans for WBBM's move to the block 37 location planned to take place early next year, according to recent newspaper reports.

Additionally, CBS and the IBEW have come to an agreement to extend the current contract with wage increase for an additional three years. Eligible CBS members have received a ballot in the mail at their last known address. The results of this nationwide vote will be announced shortly.

At WTTW, more people each day announce plans to leave for greener pastures. Fred Engel (VP of Engineering and Technology) and Al Williams, (scheduling and facilities) are engineering managers who have announced their intentions to leave in the last few weeks. Fred is the third person in this critical position to leave WTTW in the last three years. Announced on January 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a major reshuffling of the engineering management that remains, as existing people take on new jobs and responsibilities. Included in this readjustment is the announcement of a newly created union position, Engineering Production EIC. Although no union members have announced any plans to leave, there is no move to replace any of the four members who have died or retired in the last year.

The new contract at WYCC was not ratified following the vote recently of its employees. Madeleine will continue to work with that shop towards a fair and equitable contract. As that work progresses, the new plant for WYCC nears completion. The plan calls for the station to move into its new digs in June of this year.

The local is still in need of a recording secretary. It is a paid officer position that requires a member in good standing to assist me and the local each month. We need someone who will take the minutes at a general membership meeting and occasional other duties as listed in the IBEW Constitution. The office staff prepares much of the material, leaving a minimum of work for the secretary. Won't you please come to the aid of your local and contact me or the office if you are interested.

Hope there is some better news for next month. See you on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:00 PM. Bring a co-worker along.

Fraternally,

*Al Skierkiewicz*

## YOU UNION NEWS

### **FIRST READINGS**

VICKI BAFTIRI – WGN TV – NEWSWRITER  
RICHARD WATTS—CBS/GOODYEAR  
THOMAS POLLACK—WCIU  
JUSTIN OPPMAN—CBS FREELANCE

### **HONORARY WITHDRAWAL**

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

Frank YANEZ: LEFT WCEV FOR TEXAS  
Cris ALLEN: WGN PRODUCER  
Kimberly STANTON: ACCEPTED WCIU NON-BARGAINING UNIT POSITION  
Peter FERRO: LAS VEGAS NOW PSSI  
Lorri KOVITZ: ON LEAVE FROM WBBM

Others who have applied are being investigated for eligibility

### **CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

For children of members—contact the Union office for application instructions.

### **IBEW BABY!**

Congratulations to DAVID FRASER (FREELANCE) and his family on the birth of Myles Kent Fraser 12/23/06. 9 lbs 8 oz

### **NEW BUTTONS ON OUR WEB SITE**

Check out the IBEW Hour Power button on our web site!

### **RETIREES INSERT/UTILITY INSERT**

See special insert pages for retirees and for our members who wish to sign up as Utility workers for 2007.

**PLEASE EMAIL [INFO@IBEW1220.ORG](mailto:INFO@IBEW1220.ORG)  
AND GIVE US YOUR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS**

The International Per Capita increase took effect on 1-1-07.  
BA members dues are up \$1.00 per month/\$3.00 per quarter.  
See Nov. 2006 newsletter for details.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 7TH AT 7:00 PM**

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

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