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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in the second election for Business Manager. You should have all received your ballots by now. If you have not received the packet but believe you are eligible to vote, please contact the office. They will help you contact the new election judge, Ed Glab. Ballots will be mailed only to members in good standing. Returned ballots will be checked against that list before they are counted. The number of ballots returned in the previous election was much lower than in the past. Please read the instructions carefully, mark your ballot, and mail the envelope. Be sure that your ballot is mailed in time to be received at the Post Office by August 3, 2006. Don't let a minority of the membership choose your business manager. Your vote is important and the number of ballots lends strength to the business manager during negotiations, grievances and arbitrations.

I want to thank those members who have served as officers of this local for the last three years. Their dedication to you and this local have helped us through very turbulent times in the past three years. Many of them have spent a great deal of time, leading the local, assisting myself and the other officers, rewriting the bylaws and setting local policy. I don't believe we could have survived without all of us pulling together. Some have chosen to change roles and others have decided to remain. I applaud their desire to continue in those roles. Many members serve as stewards in our many shops. You received letters from Madeleine releasing you from your duties. I thank you all very much. You are the first line of defense in this organization. If you desire to stay on as steward or for those members who want to be a steward, please tell the new Business Manager.

Prior to the confusion with the general election, a proposal on a rewrite of the bylaws was sent out for vote. Three members at WGN filed a complaint with the International Office and an investigation followed. The International report found that there was not a sufficient majority to pass the proposal. As such, our original bylaws stand. Those members that filed the complaint received a letter explaining the decision as well. Voter turnout on this important decision was the lowest, in my memory, for any decision affecting the local.

The process of rewriting the bylaws was a long and arduous one. In spite of what you have heard, all officers took part in the process. There was no dissent when I brought the proposal to the membership in the spring. Each officer had a chance for input, suggest changes, and to choose which of the recommended alternative clauses should be adopted from the language provided by the legal department of the International Office. All officers were included via email in each step. It was a sweeping change to the wording but not the intent of our current bylaws. My expectation is to continue the process with all new officers acting as a committee. As such, I am again asking for input from the membership for changes that should be considered by the committee. It is my hope to provide you with another opportunity to vote on this change in the future. We will attempt to highlight the suggested changes from the International as well as the current language that will remain intact, when it is presented to you at that time.

See all of you next month, on Thursday, August 3, when the results of the new election will be announced and the Business Manager will be sworn in.

Fraternally, *Al Skierkiewicz*

ELECTION NOTICE

The Sixth District has set aside the election results of June 5, 2006
for Business Manager ONLY.

A new election is currently in progress.

New ballots were mailed on July 5th, 2006 to members in good standing as of March 2006. The same members eligible to vote in June will vote again. If you have not received your Ballot, call Ed Glab, Election Judge, at the Union Office.

Ballots must be received at the designated post office no later than 5:00 pm on August 3, 2006

NO BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE UNION OFFICE



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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 _____
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
 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

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
 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

THREE PHASE MEDIA
 1658 N MILWAUKEE # 144
 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

NEW MEMBERS

Ken Davenport– Freelance

FIRST READINGS:

Andrew Wyatt– WYCC New Group
Andrew Freund– WYCC New Group
Rosemary Robinson– WBBM PD
Patrick Flom– WTVO/Nexstar
Alisha Conway– WTVO/Nexstar
Jeremy Warren– OSA
Gary Wahlgren– CBS FL
Orlando Porter– Visions Unlimited

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

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

Robert Lange

OBITUARIES

Retired Brother Bob Gill died on Wednesday, June 21. He was employed at WGN-TV until retirement in 1984.

Some WGN members remember Bob as one of the more colorful engineers to work at WGN. He continues to be missed.

Jim Gill, Bob's son, can be reacted at js72@charter.net.

GRACIE WATCH

Chuck Mason reports that Gracie Mason, his daughter, is speeding past all expectations of every expert on her road to recovery. Chuck and his family thank all the members of 1220 who offered support and prayers.

Gracie contracted meningitis in December of last year.

1220 NEEDS A RECORDING SECRETARY

Your Local needs your help. The Recording Secretary's position is open and needs a member to assume these duties.

Our many thanks to Kelly Engler (WTVO) who graciously volunteered, but was unable to accept due to travel and time constraints.

The Recording Secretary serves a vital role by keeping minutes at the General Union Meeting, and has other responsibilities enumerated in Article 17 of the I.B.E.W. Constitution.

TRAVEL CARDS

Permission was granted to Dan Quinn and Charles Ber-ray, both of Local 715 (Milwaukee, WI.) to deposit their travel cards at Local 1220.

POLICE CITE JOHN PETROSKY

John Petrosky of WBBM-Channel 2 News helped police catch two armed robbery suspects near the border of Wilmette and Glencoe, June 14, Wednesday, at approximately 6 am.

Police acted on Petrosky's tip by cordoning off the area and arresting the suspects hiding in a fitness club.

"Photographers are also members of the community," Petrosky said. "I did what any community member would do."

(information for this article came from Robert Feder's column in the Sun-Times on Thursday, June 15, 2006)

SIXTH DISTRICT SETS ASIDE BY-LAW VOTE

At the behest of three 1220 members (see President's Letter pg.1), the International Sixth District investigated the results of the vote. The inspectors deemed that there was not a sufficient majority for the proposed by-laws to pass.

Local 1220's original By-Laws stand until another proposal and vote is taken.

GINA MORRI & JOHN ALLEN FIREHOUSES

Gina and John have spent years photographing firehouses. They currently showing through July 31:

Arlington Hts. Memorial Library
500 N. Dunton Ave, Arlington Hts.
847-392-0100

Also from Aug. 7 to Sept. 6 at Café Express in Evanston
847-328-7940

The new officers of Local 1220 are:

President	Al Skierkiewicz
Vice President	John Trautschold
Recording Secretary	vacant
Treasurer	Ed Glab

Business Manager/Financial Secretary/
Delegate to International Convention

Don Brandon

Delegates to International Convention:

Jim Sterne
Bob Kastigar

Executive Board:

Mary Bohentin WGN TV
Jan Hendrickson WBBM TV
Bob Kastigar WGN TV
Alonzo Martinez Freelance
Gina Morri WTTW
Bruce Rehberger WTTW
Paul Rodriguez WBBM
Dan Warren Freelance

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY AUGUST 3RD AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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