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Sisters and Brothers:

The Union office has previously issued this information, but because of some recent events, it appears necessary to reissue it. Freelance and per diem members of the IBEW are free to accept work from any IBEW contractor. Your Local Union does not have any collective bargaining agreements that restrict a part time, per diem or freelance member from working for any or all of its contractors. Only full time employees can be restricted from working for other employers, and we have no video production contracts that provide representation for full time employees. If an employer tells you that you may not accept work for any other employer, you could suggest that you might accept full time employment in exchange for your full time commitment to that one company.

Legal action has been taken to ensure compliance with the timely pay provisions of our agreements and the concurrent submission of benefits amounts. If any of you have not received your payroll or not had your pre-tax deductions or company required contributions credited in the manner proscribed by your contract, we need to know about it. Remember, no employee has the right to void any contract provision without the written permission of the Local Union.

The use of the IBEW 1220 web mail has been spotty at best. From the beginning, encouraging members to use the system has been difficult. Now, several years have passed, and we have a very large number of personal email address for our members. We use this convenient method of communicating often. We have found that it is much simpler to email you at your preferred personal email address, rather than the webmail address supplied to you by this Local Union. Therefore, we will be suspending permanently the use of the IBEW web mail accounts as of 8-1-08. The system will be shut down. All Local office emails will remain in use as they are currently. Please continue to help us to save time, money and trees by keeping us informed of your preferred email address.

Our Executive Board has accepted the nomination of Jim Sterne for Recording Secretary to fill out the unexpired term left vacant by Chris McKnight's resignation due to work schedule. With his acceptance of the nomination, he was elected and will serve until next July in this position. Thanks to Jim for stepping in. This is a difficult position to fill. Now that we can once again take minutes on the computer (so long as they are signed by two officers and secured in the minute book) it will be slightly easier.

Have a safe and comfortable summer.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco,
Business Manager

NEXT MEETING DATE Thursday, August 7, 7:00 PM

At the Union office

8605 W Bryn Mawr Ave #309, Chicago

You are the Union!

Join in conducting the business of your Local. Your input is valuable.



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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.

Any article submitted for publication should be sent by mail, Fax or email to:

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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.



REMEMBER TO NOTIFY YOUR UNION OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR EMAIL

NAME _____
 STREET _____
 CITY, ST, ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE
 Our contractors are listed on the web site—www.ibew1220.org

YOU UNION NEWS

PER CAPITA INCREASES 1-1-09

The per capita payment to the International Office goes up by \$1.00 as of the first of next year. Please make a note of that. BA (non-pension) members will pay \$12.00 per month, making the minimum dues before applying earnings to the formula, \$43.50/month (\$115.50 per quarter).

DUES RATE DECREASES 10-1-08

The Treasurer has announced that the balance in our Local Union accounts on June 30, 2008 was at the level which triggered a dues deduction. As of 10-1-08 dues will be calculated based on 1.4% of base pay, instead of 1.7% of base pay. Freelance and per diem dues minimums payable in advance will remain 112.50. (until 1-1-09—see above)

SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

IBEW 1220 SHIRTS—Henley style, in either white or navy, are available at the Union office for \$20.00.

NEW SIZES ARE IN

Contact the office to order—we take credit cards—call 773-714-1220 or email info@ibew1220.org.



FIRST READINGS:

TODD BROOKS—AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
 JAY ENYART—CBS NEWS

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

Roderick Stanbeck	Jared Rayl	Tabitha Gilbert
Carson Greene	Guillermo Rojas	Daniel Seiler
Armando Aguilera	Steve Baldwin	Paul Carey
Darrell Fitzgerald	Donald Adydan	Drew Aebischer
Elias Alanis	Vanessa Boring	Edmund Curley
Christopher DeLira	Jeremy Freeman	David Jack
Alejandro Marin	Tom McCoskey	Anthony Medici
Felix Mendez	Raymond Radelia	Johnny Scott
Robert Schweppe	Lance Spalla	Michael Thomas
Tim Valentine	Daniel Wolande	

APPROVED PENDING ORIENTATION:

Jamiel Chappel	Andrew Graves	Ned Englehart
Harvey Harris	Clay Kappelman	Joseph Lynn
Dominic Magiera	Kyle Maguire	Jesus Palacios
David Sommers	Willie White	

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Members can view meeting agenda, bills and correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting by appointment.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family and friends of DAVE BRACHER (WBBM Retired) who passed away last month. He will be missed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I am writing this month to remind all of our members that the local meets monthly to conduct business, review and approve the actions of the Executive Board, hear reports of our stewards and discuss items of interest to our members and the local in general. It has been a trend during summer months for attendance to dwindle as our members are enjoying the outdoors after the long, hard winter. However, we need you to sacrifice that one evening a month to attend union meetings. Stewards especially, need to attend to report on news from their shop and to carry information back to the members they represent. All that is needed is a minimum of seven members in good standing to obtain a quorum and convene the meeting. The summer months and the weather have combined to produce low attendance at the June and July meetings. Your local needs you, please plan now to attend the August meeting on August 7.

During recent meetings with our International Rep, Rick Gessler, the subject of strike came up. It has been a long time since Local 1220 was involved in contract negotiations that resulted in a strike, so many of you are not aware of some of the actions surrounding this ultimate expression of workers rights. No shop may go on strike without IO authorization following an investigation by an International Rep. The investigation is called by the Business Manager once the shop has determined to seek strike authorization. During his investigation, a rep will work with the negotiators, look over demands, and attend negotiations with the company. Upon filing a report, the IO will then review all the details and render a decision. Once authorization has been received, the shop may choose to strike, if the local feels it is needed. Once an authorized strike has been called, all local members will be asked to serve picket duty. It has been a long standing policy of this local that any member who crosses a picket line for any sanctioned strike (not only those of Local 1220) can be charged. Should the Trial Board find this member guilty, the fine for each charge, will be at least equal to any pay received for crossing the line.

Members at WBBM are busy moving into their new home near Daley Plaza. Several members have been involved in wiring the new facility and installing new digital equipment. Work has been progressing for more than six months. Our Vice President, John Trautschold has been heading up the project in this new building. It will be sad to leave the old ice arena on McClurg Court that has been home to WBBM for so long. Look for their inaugural broadcast scheduled for September. Good luck everyone!

The International website www.ibew.org has a new look and it is really great. This month there is an article about another Charles Lindberg from Minnesota. "Chuck" was a long standing member of the IBEW Local 292 but is known also as the last surviving member of the Marines who planted the first flag on Iwo Jima. You may not know that Joe Rosenthal's famous picture was the second planting of the American Flag, taken while the first (and smaller) flag was being removed. If you are traveling this summer in Minnesota, you might want to include the Richfield War Memorial in your travels. Also, if you are traveling in the St. Cloud area, the more famous Charles Lindbergh's boyhood home is located in Little Falls, Minnesota, a few miles from the intersection of 10 and 371. There is a great museum and a tour of the home which is located on the banks of the Mississippi.

Hope to see many of you at the August meeting, Thursday, August 7 at 7:00 PM at the union office.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz

Alan J. Skierkiewicz,
President

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH AT 7:00 PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE
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