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Brothers and Sisters,

As this is my first Business Manager report in our newsletter, I thank you ahead of time for your patience. It certainly has been a busy 2 weeks. We are currently re-establishing an infrastructure, transferring over accounts, going over bills, changing vendors, and saving money everywhere we can. We are updating, overhauling, and phasing out "Business as usual."

Marie Kowalski is back in the office. I had rehired Marie after her termination on June 3rd and we both hit the ground running on July 2nd. It's good to have her back, she is an invaluable member of our team, and she is working non-stop to keep our hall running smoothly.

Our Treasurer, Ed Glab, had resigned at the July 1st meeting. He was a diligent and hard working officer. We wish him well. Now our local needs your help more than ever. The Recording Secretary and 3 Eboard positions are also vacant. See page 2 for details. At the next regular meeting, I would like to put forth a Bylaw change that would increase the pay of the officers. The Business Manager and Assistant Business Manager language and scale will remain frozen and unchanged. The pay structure for the officers has not been changed in almost 20 years. It's time to entice individuals to step forward and participate. Your Union needs you.

There is a lot to tackle. We are working towards negotiations with WGN Radio and Television. Radio is progressing and we are forming the Negotiating Committee and the initial contract proposal for television. We are reaching out to our members at WYCC to begin the negotiating process as well. I am systematically addressing outstanding grievances and have been in constant contact with our attorneys. We need for all Stewards to remain vigilant for they are our first line of defense and have the full support of our Union.

The President, Glenn Hannigan, and I attended the IBEW Broadcast Conference in Nashville in mid-June before we took office. It was a great learning and networking experience. We had the opportunity to share ideas and learn from the Business Managers and Reps. from Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Milwaukee, Fort Wayne, etc. The Local News Service (LNS) issues are a hot button topic for most of the major markets and we are working with NABET to tackle this issue head on.

Our website is being updated and we will be able to process your payments through our site very shortly. We are moving forward and are asking for your help. Please send your ideas for a better union to info@ibew1220.org. We are building a better union, together.

In Solidarity,

John Rizzo

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Business Manager/Financial Secretary

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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

Dan Warren has been appointed as the Interim Treasurer until the Executive Board makes a determination, on a permanent Treasurer.

Interested candidates are encouraged to call or Email the hall. A decision will be made at the Executive Board meeting in August.

Mr. Bruce Rehberger has been elected Chairman.



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

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY,ST,ZIP _____

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

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The family of Howard E. Rosenthal. Howard was a Technical Director at WBKB in Chicago for 23 years. Those who wish to express their condolences may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com. Howard was 91 and passed away peacefully on June 25th, 2009.

UNION SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

There are just a few IBEW Local 1220 shirts still available in the union office. For \$20.00 one could be yours.

Sizes and colors (Navy or White) are limited.

Call or email the Union office and let us know.



Attend the regular meeting for a chance to win a free shirt.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED TO:

The following members have met the requirements for receiving this status:

RICHARD WELL — WTTW RETIRED
MIKE SLAWIN — FREELANCE

FIRST READINGS:

ADRIENNE BALOW—WGN
MILISA HICKMAN—WCIU
THOMAS NIZINSKI—WYCC

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

GREG JOYNER – WCIU
MICHAEL SWANSON – MEDIA PRO
DOUG BULLARD– FOX SPORTS
TREMAINE WILLIAMS– WGN TV

VACANT/OPEN POSITIONS:

1 TREASURER
1 RECORDING SECRETARY
3 EBOARD POSITIONS

Interested parties should contact the hall at:

info@IBEW1220.org
(773) 714-1220

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters,

As newly elected President, I welcome all of you to take part in strengthening our local. Become involved and let your voice be heard.

I want to thank our Election Judge, Don Johnson. Additionally, I want to thank Richard Lanza, Robert Lange, Richard Garofalo, and Dan Rozkuszka for their thorough and accurate vote counting as our Election Tellers. All of these hours of diligent work, made a fair election a reality. Furthermore, I want to thank all of you who participated in the election by voting.

After observing the officers election, I came to realize that many envelopes contained ballots which could not be counted. Some had no return address; this was a requirement for the judge to know that the voting member was in good standing. On some ballots the return address used did not match an address to which the ballot package was mailed; this also was a requirement for voting. On some, the penmanship of the return address was essentially illegible; it took all of the election officials and the observers to ascertain the writing, in order for the vote to be counted. After much scrutiny, these were finally able to be counted towards the final vote.

To ensure that your vote counts, one only needs to follow the ballot instructions. These are always included in the ballot package.

To vote responsibly, one needs to be prepared. Generally, enough time is available to get to know the candidates. If it is impossible to attend union meetings, please at least speak with your Union Steward, to get more information about the candidates and pressing issues.

Union meetings are a place to become more knowledgeable and voice your concerns. They are the place to meet and get to know those who are working for the membership's goals and objectives. We want your voice to be heard. Sending in a blank ballot is an ineffective way to effect change. Exercising your right to vote is the better choice.

At this time I would like to announce that the position of Treasurer and the position of Recording Secretary are vacant. We have positions to fill on the E-Board as well. While the positions for the WTTW and the Freelance Field are filled, there are openings for people from other stations such as WBBM TV, WGN TV, WCIU, WYCC, WTVO, or any of the radio stations. We are looking for a total of three additional appointments. I have informed the Executive Board of the open positions.

We are the union. This current administration's goal is to strive to do its best, to work for the members, to maintain jobs, and to improve our quality of life. Being a union member means that you are one of us. You are one who needs your job, who cares, and one who should participate. If you have never attended a union meeting, consider this a warm welcome. Please attend meetings whenever you are able. If you are unable, visit often with your union steward and keep informed.

In solidarity,

Glenn Hannigan

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President of Local 1220

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT 7:00 PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE
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