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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

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Brothers and Sisters,

The Election results were extremely close, and there was an irregularity in the processing of the ballots. John Rizzo and I have filed a joint request of the 6th District office to investigate and determine whether there should be any action taken. This is the normal procedure to follow in cases like this and should not be a disturbance to the normal conduct of your Union business..

Meanwhile, as this may be my last opportunity to communicate with you, I want to express my sincere wishes for the best life has to offer to each and every one of you. It has been a real privilege to work with you and for you over the past 21 years. I have enjoyed the challenges of this very difficult position. I was proud to serve as Assistant Business Manager since 1988, and as Business Manager during part of 2001 and from October 1, 2005 through July 5, 2006.

I am very proud of the good working relationships that I have built with our management personnel over the years. You deserve their respect and good fortune. You are all very skilled professionals who have a great contribution to make to the world of broadcasting and of video production. Your Union is what you make of it. Your participation can only make it better. Choose to make a positive impact, not to wait and stand back while others take the lead. Influence the direction of this Local with your ideas and your input.

Your Officers have an obligation to do their best for you. I know that the ones I have worked with take that obligation seriously, as I have. Give them your support and it will mean much to them and to you.

If I don't get the chance to address you again, please know that my thoughts will be with you and I wish Local 1220 all of the best.

Madeleine Monaco

MEETING NOTICE

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5th, at 7:00 pm, at the Union Hall. Our business will include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- Ceremony to swear in our new Officers and Delegates to International Convention
- Reports from the Business Manager on outstanding business and pending cases
- An update on negotiations in progress



Please join us ! We can't spell Union without "U"!

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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

TOM SEMON – WCIU
MIKE SULLIVAN – PROGRAM PROD

FIRST READINGS:

ANTHONY MEDICI – AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
TAMEKA LENOIR – VISIONS UNLIMITED
ALISHA CONWAY – WTVO
PAT FLOM – WTVO
KATRYCE TOWNSEND – PROGRAM PROD
STEVEN BALDWIN – WTTW

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL PRESENTED

by Mike McKenna card number 5241433

Add to Article VI Sec 2

“The Business Manager must report to the Executive Board and the Local Union after any meeting with any International Representative takes place. A complete, accurate and truthful accounting of that meeting must be disclosed in full within 31 days.

Executive Board and Local Union Officers shall cooperate with the Business Manager **as long as he/she has been truthful, forthright and honest with the facts made known to them during the course of their work,** in the performance of the duties of the office and shall not work in conflict with the Business Manager.

This proposed change was read at the May meeting, was discussed and amended at the June meeting to delete the underlined phrase (determined to be in opposition to IBEW Constitution language). It will be reviewed and voted on at the June 19th, Executive Board meeting.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

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

Colin Clark – WTVO – promoted out of unit
Ricardo Islas – WYCC – promoted out of unit – no editing

TEAMSTERS ASK FOR HELP

Hotel 71 is the site of an area standards picket for the Teamsters who work for C.A.H. Parking. Please stop by and walk with them—and honor their line!

DUES RESTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

It's been many years since we last looked into the structure of our dues. President Al Skierkiewicz has begun to form a committee to investigate our options. At the June meeting Al appointed Scott Jones to that Committee. If you are interested in serving with Scott, please contact Al at askierkiewicz@wttw.com and volunteer.

CHANGES IN IL WORKERS COMP ACT

Recent changes have been made that can be confusing and have different effective dates.

The Commission can now shut down an employer for not having workers comp insurance or not being properly “self-insured” Failure of an employer to provide coverage is a Class 4 felony. Penalties have been increased. Some temporary partial benefits have been created, with payments of up to 2/3 of the difference between what he would have made and the net of what he is making. The filing of a claim stops all collection proceedings. Death benefits have been increased; permanent partial disability benefits have been increased; penalties apply if no reason given within 14 days of appealing a denial; and a medical fee schedule has been established.

CHICAGO FEDERATION OF LABOR LOOKING FOR CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES:

They believe that labor can make a big difference in the 2007 city elections. They want to identify Union members who we believe could be successful candidates for the City Council. If you live in Chicago and have some interest in this program—extensive training will be provided and the support of your Union brothers will be available to you. Contact Beth Kanter, Director of Political Affairs at 312-222-1000 or bkanter@cflonline.org

The new officers of Local 1220 are as follows:

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
Jann 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???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, JULY 5TH AT 7:00 PM

BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

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