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Sisters and Brothers:

When Phoenix landed on Mars, we witnessed an historic event. And in reading the news coverage of the landing, we were most gratified to read the following:

Mission co-scientist Ray Arvidson of Washington University in St. Louis was pleased with Phoenix's progress so far. "Like a union worker, it went right to work," he said.

Nice to have good press for unions these days—its pretty sparse.

Our brothers and sisters in the video production part of our local and those doing freelance work are getting their 1st quarter working dues bills this week (mailed by June 13th) Many of those mailings will include copies of the contracts under which the recipient works. Additional contracts are always available upon request. We can send electronic copies and/or paper copies. If you work for someone with a Union contract, and have not seen that contract, you should definitely have a copy to review.

WTTW bargaining unit members again rejected the proposal presented by their negotiating committee. At the beginning of these negotiations the committee asked every member for their suggestions and proposals and took every one of those proposals to the bargaining table. The voting members have each been sent a copy of the current agreement which expired July of 2007, and the proposed new agreement showing the changes, along with a survey questionnaire asking their opinion of the changes. Although we are all aware that we cannot choose to accept only the favorable terms, it is important for us to get input from every member. When we receive all of the surveys back in the office we will reconvene the negotiating committee and compile the results. When that compilation is complete, we will hold a shop meeting. At the same time we are in process of preparing the documents required for obtaining strike sanction. Our International Rep will meet with us to proceed on that part of the process. Please return your survey in the postage paid envelope provided.

Our new building for WBBM should be completed this summer. Many of our members have been employed doing what it takes to get that new facility up and running. 22 W Washington will be great! Our cooperative efforts with IBEW 134 have netted a great working relationship on this project.

Our FOX Sports negotiations were started last week in Los Angeles, and will continue in July. All of our members proposals were brought to the table. Several active members of the bargaining unit joined us for the planning and bargaining sessions and will remain with us for the duration. Our Local Union is hoping to bring a 1220 member who works NASCAR for the next round.

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NEXT MEETING DATE Wednesday, July 2, 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.

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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-NION NEWS

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.



ALL UNION MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO UNIONPLUS.ORG:

Log on and see what's available to you at a discount. Just type in the name of your Union (IBEW) and the site will show you what benefits and discounts are already negotiated for you.

See what's there for you!

FIRST READINGS:

CLAY KAPPELMAN—CBS KS
TABITHA GILBERT—WTVO
GUILLERMO ROJAS—WBBM
CARSON GREENE—PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS
JARED RAYL—WCIU
DANIEL SEILER—CBS NEWS

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 GEORGE CERNY, WGN Retired, who passed away in May. He will be missed

OUR GET WELL WISHES TO:

REBECCA POPE WGN Freelance, who is home recovering from surgery.

**DUES NOTICES ARE AVAILABLE
FROM YOUR STEWARD OR THE UNION OFFICE
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE
CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE
773-714-1220 OR INFO@IBEW1220.ORG**

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT CONTINUED.....

WGN Pension increases have not yet been included on the pensioners checks, but we are pressuring management to pressure the benefits company to comply. The Union has completed all of the paperwork provided, and approved the changes to the WGN TV agreement. The next step is executing the amended document and that should have happened by the time you read this. The raises should be in place on the effective date.

WCIU members are being refused their annual wage increases. The Local has filed a grievance, and is taking every action possible to remedy this situation. Our Union attorney is involved and will continue to be involved until the matter is settled.

We have advised our members who use company email addresses that they may be in danger from the use of company email for Union business. If any of you are able to provide us with a personal email address in place of a company one, please do so. Our ability to communicate with you via email is extremely valuable, not only for speed, but also as a savings of money (and trees!!!).

Our members at WTVO in Rockford are struggling with low pay and poor working conditions and have recently lost their in-house General Manager. We are in regular communication with them and make site visits regularly.

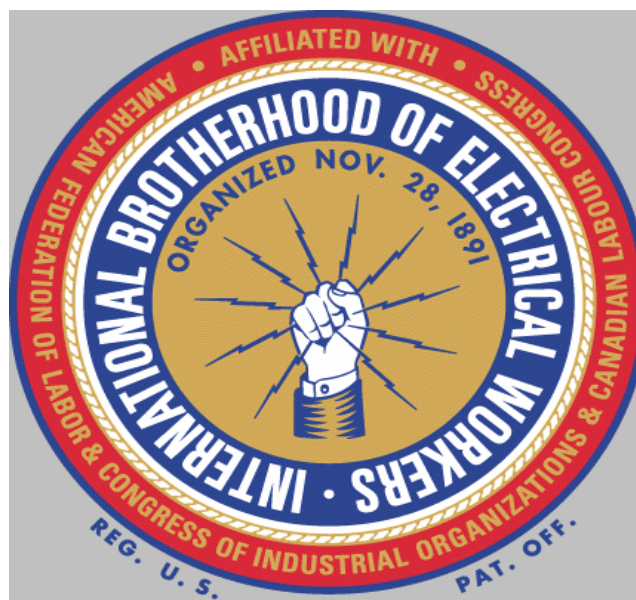
Our members at WYCC have recently hosted the WBBM Town Hall meeting which aired on Channel 2. It was an interesting exercise in cooperation between two television stations. The program was a great success and widely viewed.

We recently attended the HD EXPO at Navy Pier and viewed the new technology and made contact with possible providers for technical education. The demonstration of VIX RT was one of the highlights. The company is working with us on setting up a training session as requested by our members.

Our staff is working hard to serve the members. In addition to Marie at the front desk primarily on dues and new members, and Jim working with video production contractors and their employees, managing most IT problems and changes, and assisting with negotiations, we have our high school helper Hank providing support services to all of us 6-10 hours per week and Diane handling payroll and benefits compliance issues for video production members 15 hours per week. Stop in and see us. Call or email if you have a problem or a question.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco
Business Manager



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND AT 7:00 PM

AT THE UNION OFFICE

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