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Brothers and Sisters:

We have contracts open at
WGN Radio—contract expired 3-31-09
WGN Television—contract expires 6-30-09
WYCC TV—contract expires 6-30-09

We are in concession bargaining with CBS and WTTW

We have open grievances as follows:
WCIU - 4 and one case going to arbitration on July 10.
WBBM—4 and one case going to arbitration— date not set yet
WTTW—3
Program Productions—one case awaiting arbitrators decision

Our recent election was completed June 2, 2009 and the results are as follows:

President	Glenn Hannigan
Vice President	John Trautschold
Treasurer	Ed Glab
Business Manager	John Rizzo

Executive Board

Oswaldo Rangel, Bruce Rehberger, Alex Maric, Tom Siegel, Jennifer Kastigar and Mike Sullivan

I offer my best wishes for every success for Local 1220. It has been my privilege and my pleasure to serve the brothers and sisters of this Local Union for the past 24 years. I will miss talking to many of you, doing the work of your Union, and helping to make your work life better.

My special blessings have come in the working relationships I have formed with the officers of this Local. I will consider many of them friends for life. The professional courtesy given to me by the company management personnel that I have dealt with has been outstanding. These too, I will miss.

May you continue to improve your wages and benefits, increase your outreach to the community, and grow your standard of living.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco

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

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

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 and friends of Paul Prokes (WEFM Retired), who passed away recently.

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.



HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED TO:

The following members have met the requirements for receiving this status: NONE

FIRST READINGS:

GREG JOYNER—WCIU
MATTHEW COPPEDGE—PROGRAM PRO
MICHAEL SWANSON—MEDIA PROCESS
DOUG BULLARD—FOX SPORTS
ERIC MELCHER—WGN TV
TREMAINE WILLIAMS—WGN TV

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

KATHRYN JANICEK – WGN WRITER
ELIZABETH ANSTEY – WCIU
HARVEY HARRIS – WYCC
SANDRA IMBROGNO – WGN
DANIEL NOWAK – FOX SPORTS
BRIAN HAJIK – VISIONS UNLTD
ERYN WALANKA – WYCC
JOSHUA WRIGHT – VISIONS UNLTD
JOEL SACRAMENTO – A V ONE
PATRICK PRATER – VISIONS UNLTD
DOMINICK MAGIERA – PROGR PRO
JESUS PALACIOS – CAMER ORIGINALS
NED ENGLEHART - CBS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers and Sisters,

This will be my last newsletter column. After thirty years of service as President, Executive Board Chairman, and board member, I have watched our membership grow, more than doubling in size. I have watched with you, as times have changed, jurisdiction has been challenged, technology has marched along and political influences on labor have forced unions to change operations and follow new laws. Now, more than ever, your participation in the local union is required if we are to continue to provide for the good of all workers in our area. The changing face of economics will require us to modify our business, find unique solutions to new problems, and require all of us to be more vigilant in managing our contracts.

To those eight Business Managers I have served with, I thank you for all you have done for this local and the extreme personal sacrifice that the office demanded of you. You rose to the challenges and set a high standard for all who follow you. To Business Managers Madeleine and Jessica, I thank you for establishing the many rules of conduct that made decision making easier and allowed this local to negotiate with confidence. Your stewardship of this local has made us respected among our fellow IBEW locals.

To those members I have served with these many years, I sincerely thank you for all you have done. Those officers have helped shape this local's policies and future and helped make the position of President a little easier to manage. In particular I would like to personally thank, John Trautschold who has helped with more decisions than either of us can count, many times putting the union before himself and his family. I also owe a debt of gratitude to the past Treasurers, Ed Glab and Bruce Rehberger who have kept close watch over our cash reserves, budgets and union investments. To the many members I have asked to serve and willingly came forward, I thank you as well. Your local is stronger because you were there when the local needed you. To the current officers, especially those who have served for many terms, I thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You did the job expected of you and you should be very proud.

To those members in the smaller shops and spread around the Midwest, I salute you. In many ways, the members at shops like WTVO and WCIU are fighting battles today that our other shops fought years ago. You have my deepest respect for working everyday and keeping up the struggle. To the freelance members working for Fox and CBS, I am happy to know you are members of this local. When I watch network programming, I am aware that you are there working hard and essentially on your own. Please keep doing what you are good at, and be careful and safe.

To all the retired members who still read this column, please continue to keep in touch. Let us know how you are doing, and encourage us to do better. I am very grateful to those I have met, and who have passed on their wisdom to me. You have each contributed in a small way to the Local we now know. My most enjoyable responsibility has been the presenting of service pins each year to members of long standing. May you continue to receive them for many years to come.

To those members who work everyday, your union needs you now, more than ever. It needs you to follow the rules of your contract, watch over jurisdiction, and act like a union member. Your local needs you to participate in meetings and to add your voice and ideas to help shape our future. It needs you to be vigilant and watchful. I call you to step forward and make a difference. Your union is calling YOU! Answer the call.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST AT 7:00 PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE
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**DUES ARE DUE JULY 1
DON'T FORGET**

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