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FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First of all, let me congratulate Brother Verne Blakely on his 50 years of membership in the IBEW. We are proud to call him our very own. Brother Blakely works at WGN-TV. The members at our March meeting applauded Verne's longevity. As he was not able to be present, I will present his 50 year pin to him in the near future.

This is the first newsletter that we are not sending out a paper copy through the mail. By doing so we are saving over three hundred dollars each month in postage. We are also saving on toner, mailing labels, ink and doing our part in saving trees. In addition many hours of labor which were require to get the printed newsletter out to you can now be reallocated.

Electronic delivery means that we will have greater efficiency in getting you timely information. By each member having their own personal web-mailbox, we have the ability to send specific information to groups or stations. There are some new members and a few other members who did not get a web-mail address in the first pass. We will USPS mail to those people and see that they do get web-mail addresses in the near future.

Please bear with us as we take another step to improve communications between all of us. Your feed back is invaluable. Info@IBEW1220.org is the best way to share your thoughts and comments with the office.

Please remember to check your web-mail regularly, as this will be our official means of communicating with you.

May spring bring you a rebirth and renewal of those things that bring meaning to your life: family, friends and work.

In Solidarity,



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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	
AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS 175 S MASON BENSENVILLE, IL 60106	CAMERA ORIGINALS 125 WINDSOR DR #107 OAKBROOK, IL 60523	EVENT ENGINEERING 640 PEARSON ST DES PLAINES, IL 60016	FOX SPORTS – FOOTBALL HOCKEY, BASEBALL, NASCAR NATIONAL AGREEMENT
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 PRODUCTIONS 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	

NOTE THE AGREEMENTS FOR GOLAN PRODUCTIONS & HOOF AND MOUTH HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

COPIES OF ANY IBEW 1220 AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST AT THE UNION OFFICE

YOUNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

ALI HASSAN – CBS PER DIEM
MICHAEL SHAMUS – CBS NEWS PER DIEM
THOMAS MOORE – CBS NEWS PER DIEM

NEW MEMBERS

Kelly Engler – WTVO
Daniel Pullins – WBBM
Robert Alvarez – WBBM Per Diem
Oswaldo Rangel – WBBM Per Diem
Anthony Gnau – WGN Per Diem Newswriter
Witold Janczak – WBBM Per Diem
Reynaldo Rodriguez – CBS/WBBM Per Diem
Joe Scigouski – WTTW Per Diem
Ronald Schwartz – WBBM Per Diem
Tim Valentine – WGN Per Diem
Spencer Thomas – WTTW Freelance
Art Chaiyaperm – WGN full-time
Nathan Delack – WBBM Full-time
Adriana Correa – CBS/WBBM Per Diem
David Summers – WGN TV Per diem
Mark Harper – WGN TV per diem

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

The following members have been granted Honorary Withdrawal status

BILL NATALE – DGA WORK ONLY
MICHELLE BOONE - NO MORE IBEW WORK
MELE MASON - LIVES IN NEBRASKA

COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

Regardless of the Courts recent reversal of position on your representation, we remain committed to representing all of the Illinois Official Court Reporters and are taking further action to ensure that you do indeed obtain representation.

Please continue to communicate with us at info@ibew1220.org. And let us know your email address, too.

IBEW BABIES

ALONZO MARTINEZ (Freelance) and his wife Monique welcomed baby boy Braedyn Chance, 7 lbs, 11 oz. Brother Payton is 14 months old.



BRITTANY ABBATTE (WGN Newswriter) brought daughter Ava Elizabeth into the world on January 16th. 7 lbs, 14 oz.

GET WELL WISHES:

To Maureen Wolf—WGN TV—who is still struggling to recover. We wish you the best, Maureen.

IN SYMPATHY:

Our condolences to BOB KUCERA (Freelance) and his family on the loss of his father on January 19th.

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



RETIREES NEWS:

We are sorry to report that Milo Seeley has passed away this month. Alice can be reached at home at 12980 W Coventry Lane, Huntley, IL 60142. We know how he will be missed.

BYLAW CHANGES PROPOSED

Change Article 10, Section 5, section (a) to read:

(a) "A" and "BA" members Basic dues of \$2.50 plus 1.7% of base pay.

Submitted by Don Johnson, BA 4158874

Change Article X, Section 5 Para (a) to read:

All members, "A" and "BA" shall pay Union dues based on their gross wages.

Dues shall be calculated at 1.5% times the members gross wages.

Payment of dues shall be deducted from the members payroll check. The members contractor shall collect said dues and mail a monthly check and statement to the union office. Said statement will include members name, address, gross wages, amount being paid per member.

Dues of 1.5% shall be in effect for one (1) year from approval of the IBEW International. Every consecutive year on the anniversary date of this by-law change, dues will increase .1% (1/10th).

Change Article X, Sec 5 Para (b) to read:

Applicable International per capita shall be paid from dues collected in (a) above.

Delete Article X, Sec 5 para ©, (d), and (e).

Submitted by Terry Roos, BA 5122289

“INFO CHANNEL” IS BEING PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY



A few months ago we provided almost all of our members with an email address and a discrete password. Please expect a message from your Local Union at least once each week to this email box. The web-based email will allow you to access your IBEW 1220 account from any computer with internet access. beginning This newsletter is now being sent electronically, and the Union will save greatly in time and labor costs.

Check your email every week!

BENEFITS

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FLEX PLAN



For most freelance and/or per diem members of our Local Union, an amount in addition to their hourly wage is contributed by the employer to this plan.

Contact the Flex Plan at 1-888-353-9401 or log on to www.flexplan.com.

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY 401K PLAN

For some freelance and/or per diem members, additional deposits are made to this plan. Check to see if your employer contributes. Inquire further at the above phone number or email address.



BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD PPO

For those not eligible for the Entertainment Industry Flex Plan, this health plan is currently available to our members. Contact Wes Wenk at Wenk Insurance Agency (847) 433-8370

HEALTH & DENTAL DISCOUNTS



Union Plus offers a discount program on two different levels. Call 1-800-228-3523 or go online to www.unionplus.org and click on health savings.

MORTGAGE LOANS

Low interest mortgage loans for any member of the IBEW. (800) 475-7933



HEALTH CLUB DISCOUNT



A 20% discount off monthly dues and a discounted enrollment fee at Lake Shore Athletic Club. Contact Alison at 312.944.4546 and go online to www.LSAC.com for locations and a virtual tour.

UNION MASTERCARD



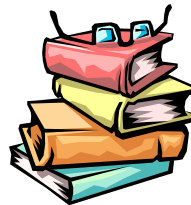
The IBEW logo on a credit card with special benefits. Call the Union office for an application.

NEW CREDIT UNION

IBEW 1220 is now affiliated with the Xerox Federal Credit Union (XFCU). Call 847-296-4291 or ask us for an application.



SCHOLARSHIPS



IBEW Founders scholarships are annually awarded to an IBEW Member for college education. Watch your IBEW Journal.

Chicago Federation of Labor Scholarships for our members' children. College tuition for seniors in the Chicago area.

Watch the INFO CHANNEL for details.

LEGAL SERVICES

Union Privilege Legal Services provides a referral service with reduced rates. Call the Union Office for the list of participating attorneys.



LIFE INSURANCE



Union Privilege – access to a group rate arranged by the IBEW. Watch your IBEW Journal and your mailbox for offers.

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD
DUES ARE DUE ON APRIL 1ST !!!!

EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

The future of labor unions is resting on passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. Senate Bill 1925 and House of Representatives Bill 3619 bans a major weapon from management's arsenal — stalling negotiations for years. This legislation would automatically bind both management and union to arbitration or mediation within a few months. If we had this legislation on the books, WIFR would have a contract now. Management has been stalling these negotiations for years!

Please learn more about this vital legislation at www.aflcio.org/aboutunions/voicework/efca.cfm. Let your representatives know where you stand.

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