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Sisters and Brothers:

We really would like to save some trees—and some money for your Local Union. Please give us your email address. You can accomplish this by simply emailing us at info@ibew1220.org. We promise we wont spam you.



This Local Union is making clear its serious objection to non-Union work.

Please know that we, as a Union, will be taking the appropriate action to stop any such activity being done by our members.

We continue to receive reports of encroachment on our jurisdiction, both from other Unions (IATSE) and from non-union workers, and to handle them in the field. Please contact your Local Union on the Local's cell phone when necessary—847-840-1220. Advance job reports are mandatory, please make sure your employer has made one.

Negotiations are still in progress at WCIU with the federal mediator assisting. Negotiations also continue for a new broadcasting agreement with Program Productions, Aesthetic Abstractions and Camera Originals. WCEV and WYCC have new agreements which have been ratified. WTTW's contract is now opened by official notice.

We continue to handle all grievances in process, and to pursue the WGN Pension problems.

Congratulations to Business Rep Jim Sterne on his graduation from the 3 year Labor Leadership Program at DePaul University.

Summer is finally coming—work safely in the heat.

NEXT MEETING DATE
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, AT 7PM
AT THE UNION OFFICE

Come in and discuss the business of your Local Union
We need to plan for the long range goals of the Local.
Your input would be welcome.

CITY WIDE ENG Safety Meeting 5-16 noon—WBBM
HD Expo June 6 & 7 at Navy Pier www.hdexpo.net/june



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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

JENN'S TAKE.....

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

“Above personnel **MUST** display Local Union 1220 Credentials.” This is the final line of all clearances given by this office. Please wear your union cards when doing union work. To protect our jurisdiction we must firmly claim it first. This very simple action speaks volumes to the other unions. They wear their credentials; please wear yours. Claim and protect your jurisdiction. This applies to staff employees also.

Shows are not matching up with job reports/crew sheets. Has anyone been named a time keeper, with the additional \$10 pay? I believe we have received about three time-keeper reports. A timesheet is available on our web page. This is what we need from you: the venue, dates of production, members working each **position**, and meal times. Please be sure to ask your contractor who your time keeper is on a job. Feel free to let the hall know, even if you aren't named the time keeper. No money, but a warm fuzzy feeling for standing in solidarity.

Thank you to everyone that has provided us with e-mail addresses. With our questionable mail service here in Chicago, and postal rates about to go up again, we are saving a considerable amount of money and time using electronic correspondence. Please encourage our non-computer users to join the electronic revolution. Again, this is a huge cost cut – over \$250 a mailing. There are still occasions when we have to use the USPS, but whenever possible, we will email to save the funds.

Enjoy the season and keep in touch.

Jennifer Kastigar
Business Representative

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to report that the Sixth District invited all union officers of Local 1220, to a training session last month. The Business Manager, President, Vice President and Treasurer as well as all members of the Executive Board were asked to attend. This training proved to be very informative as the roles and responsibilities of each officer were presented as well as the new changes instituted during the IBEW National Convention last fall. The session, which lasted about four hours, included discussion on the meaning and role of Local Union By-Laws and the International Constitution. Those officers in attendance learned of the relationship between officers, stewards and office staff. Of particular note is the relationship and responsibilities of the Business Manager in the operation of this local. In effect the Business Manager acts for the membership in all business and contractual discussions. The BM represents the Local when managing our contracts or when negotiating. It is the BM and that person alone (or an assistant as assigned), who is responsible for the day to day activities of this local. For these reasons, office staff and stewards serve and work for the Business Manager. No one else may give the staff or stewards work assignments including any officer. In addition, all negotiators sitting at the table of any contract negotiations in which the Local is involved, work directly for and at the behest of the Business Manager. Although an effective Business Manager will seek the input of officers of the local on certain matters, the Business Manager is not bound to take that advice. The Business Manager is also expected to keep an open line of communications with the International Organization and the Local's assigned I/O rep.

The officers of the local also have specific duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. Often, the duties of officers overlap in many areas. In all cases the officers must work in union with the Business Manager. The President acts as Chairman for the Local meetings, appoints and has a seat on all committees, and in concert with the Treasurer sees that all bills and salaries are paid by the local and all monies received are deposited in a reputable institution. The Vice President works with the President and fills in for the President during times of absence. The Treasurer is responsible for collecting, depositing and recording financial transactions for the Local. In addition, the Treasurer also keeps watch over the current budget and working with members and officers, prepares a budget for the next fiscal year.

The Executive Board has the authority to act in behalf of the membership, to conduct business between the regular meetings on actions that are required to be taken before the next membership meeting. In addition, the Board in Local 1220 acts as an Examining Board to review and instruct new applicants being considered for membership. The Board may also act as a Trial Board in matters that involve a violation of the Constitution or Bylaws.

Stewards work for the Business Manager and may have the most important responsibility next to the BM. These members are the first line of defense in defending our members, managing the contracts and communicating with the Business Manager. The BM depends on these key people and as such must be confident in their abilities and ethics.

See you next month, Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00PM.

Fraternally,

Al Skierkiewicz

YOUNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

IAN VACEK—CAMERA ORIGINALS
JAY DEIGNAN—EVENT ENGINEERING
MICHAEL KRANICKE—CBS
JOHN ZWIERZKO—EVENT ENGINEERING
JOSHUA MILLER—PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

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

Michael Ciminella – retired from CBS freelance
Jeffrey Dickerson – no longer working in broadcasting
Robert Artinian—no longer working in broadcasting
Adriana Correa – editor under NABET-Local 41

NEW MEMBERS

WILLIAM TENNAT—WBBM RADIO
HAL BERNSTEIN—WTTW FREELANCE
MICHAEL HIRSCHBERG—PROGRAM PRODUCTIONS
MIGUEL NIEVES—AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS
DAVID NATARENO—CBS GOODYEAR
DARRYL DUPELL—FOX SPORTS

SAFETY TRAINING

Will be held on May 16th at noon at WBBM TV. This is a city wide program available to eng crews and presented by Com Ed, NABET 41 IBEW 1220 and WBBM TV.

OUR SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of retired WGN engineer Skip Brezinski who passed away recently and to Jim Wirth on the loss of his father Joseph. They will be missed.

LOCAL 1220 BLOOD DRIVE

There is a shortage of blood in Chicago and we can participate in the solution by giving blood. Make an appointment or just drop in to any LifeSource location (find them on line) and tell them your blood drive code is "MRNB" You could save 3 lives today!

IBEW BABY!!

Barbara and CHUCK MASON (freelance) welcomed daughter Katherine Rita on 5-5-07. She joins her sisters Grace and Eva at home in Arlington Heights. Congratulations to the Mason's!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 7:00 PM

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