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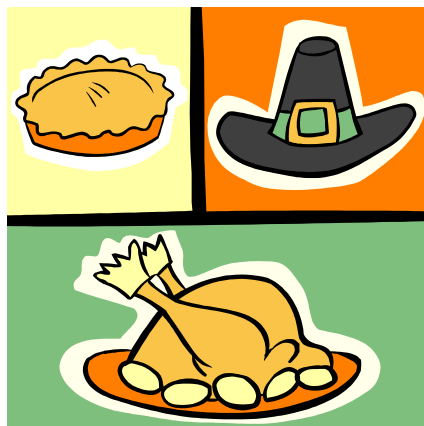
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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER'S OFFICE

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Happy Thanksgiving



We are thankful for those members of IBEW Local 1220 who give of themselves every day to serve their Brothers and Sisters as Officers, Executive Board Members, Shop Stewards, Negotiating Committee Members, and to Volunteer for special projects.

Together—we are the Union!

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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
<i>WTVO-TV</i> * <i>NORTH MERIDIAN RD</i> <i>ROCKFORD, IL 61105</i>	WGN RADIO 435 N MICHIGAN CHICAGO, IL 60611	<i>WGN TV</i> * <i>2501 W BRADLEY PL</i> <i>CHICAGO, IL 60618</i>	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 770 N HALSTED #507 CHICAGO, IL 60622	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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has certainly become very quiet around town now that the elections are over. I must say that this year's election coverage was the best and most in depth reporting ever. Those of you who were involved in following candidates and the endless press conferences and debates performed a wonderful job. I am proud to be associated with such a talented group who works beyond the call of duty when needed. Thanks for the great job all of you accomplished during this last month. I hope you are able to settle down a little now that the election rush is over and look forward to the upcoming holidays.

As many of you know by now, my political views did not align with the president's. I am happy, none the less, that so many voters turned out for this election. Thank you for heading to the polls in such a great number, reported to be 77% in the city of Chicago. The National Geographic ran a short article this month on the averages of voter turnout in the free world. By far and away the U.S. was at the bottom of that list with an average of less than 50% of the voters turning out for national elections. This number was surprisingly far less than many countries especially those who recently became democratic societies.

There are many activities still on going in our local. Several contracts are open but thanks to the negotiating teams, there seems to be some headway. Thank you to all the negotiators and their shops for sticking it out. I feel very strongly (and there is mountains of data to support this concept) that shops that stick together can make things happen at the table. You will always have people among you that report everything to management. When they start to report that the shop is sticking together on issues, station management hears about it and that results in movement at the table. If you are in one of the shops currently working on an agreement, can you say with conviction you are part of the unit? Do you work with other people in your shop to show unity not only to each other but to management? Do you listen to what your brothers and sisters have to say about contract issues? Do you follow the contract? Do you participate in unity events? If you answer "no" to any of these things, you are actually working against the goal of getting a fair contract. When you do not participate in unity events you are telling the company you are going to vote yes on any package that comes across the table. If you don't follow the contract by taking lunch and breaks at your convenience you tell the company these things aren't important to you. If you don't listen to what your brothers and sisters are saying about the issues, you won't know what is important to the shop. If you cannot say you are fully behind the shop than you are targeted by management to help split the shop. A company knows within a few votes, how many members will vote yes on a contract. They will not agree to anything more than what is needed to get those votes. If you said "no" to these things, you have told the company you are a "yes" vote. Convince them they are wrong. Show unity by participating in events as a group. Have lunch in big groups, talk to members you don't regularly talk to, come up with a button design that EVERYONE wears, participate in informational picketing. Remember that we, the officers and negotiators, are fighting for you at the table, don't fight against us in the shop. Help us get a fair, just and equitable contract.

Next month is the annual December special meeting, please come and help me congratulate members who have earned membership service awards during the last year. The December meeting is always a good time to meet fellow members from this local. See you on Thursday, Dec 2. at 7:00PM.

Fraternally,

Alan J Skierkiewicz

YOUNION NEWS

FIRST READINGS

Tim Valentine – WGN pd
Anthony Gnau – WGN Newswriter pd
David Summers – WGN PD
Ronald Schwartz – WBBM TV teleprompter

NEW MEMBERS

JOHN PETROSKY—WBBM TV

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

Michael Walters – left WGN TV writing staff for writing staff at WBBM
Rick Moyer – leaving broadcasting again for real estate investing

UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIP:

Applications now available at www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/scholarships/Scholarship05.pdf
Or call the Union office.

COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

Please continue to send us your email address for quicker communication in between newsletters. Send your proposals: info@ibew1220.org.

BURST-COMPUTER CLASSES

See flyer enclosed with last month's newsletter or visit our web site for more info on special training.

FLORIDA ELECTRICAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION:

Looking for donations for the IBEW Hurricane Relief Fund to help our members devastated by 4 storms this year. Please send checks to
IBEW Relief Fund
6603 E Chelsea Street
Tampa, FL 33610-5630

RETIREE NEWS



Wayne & Mary Thing



Mike Mihavics & Don Mellema



Mihavics, Nemec, Hollis, Stryszak, the Things



Don Brewster, Chuck Hollis, Ed Stryszak

“INFO CHANNEL” TO BE PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY

Within the next few months we will be providing all members (and those guests who receive our newsletter) with an email address and notice that they can go to the web site to view the newsletter. This web-based email will allow you to access your IBEW 1220 account from any computer with internet access. As each improvement is added to our web site, it becomes more of a useful tool for our Local Union membership. Please make suggestions for changes and additions and we will do our best to continue to upgrade the site.

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/voiceatwork/efca.cfm.
Let your representatives know where you stand.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE IBEW LOCAL 1220 BY LAWS

Article 10 Section 5 to read:

- (a) "A" and "BA" members Basic dues of \$31.65, plus 1.7% of all base pay above \$1,715.00 per month
- (b) Applicable International per capita to be paid in addition to the above dues.

Submitted by Don Johnson, BA 4158874

Rules for amending bylaws:

Sec. 2. (a) These bylaws may be amended or changed by any such proposal being submitted in writing. Such proposal must be read at a regular meeting and the membership notified in the Local Union Newsletter or other mail notice of the proposed change. Such notice must be post-marked at least fifteen (15) days prior to the regular membership meeting following the meeting at which the proposed change was given a first reading.

(b) At the next membership meeting, the proposed change shall be discussed but not voted upon. Amendments thereto may be proposed and voted upon.

(c) The proposed amendment(s), including any amendments thereto, shall be reviewed by the Executive Board at their regular or specially called meeting. If the Board decides that no further action is necessary, they shall be authorized to order the mailing of the ballots, in accordance with (d) below, without further delay. However, if in their opinion, the proposed amendment is considered detrimental to the Local Union, it shall be returned to the next Local Union meeting for reconsideration with their recommendations. If the majority of those present vote to support the Board's recommendations, then the proposed amendment shall die. Conversely, if the majority of those present vote to reject the Board's recommendation, the proposed amendment shall be prepared for mail ballot vote by the membership as established in (d) below.

(d) A ballot shall be prepared by the Local Union containing the proposed amendment, including any amendments thereto, along with a notice for mailing to the Local Union membership.

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