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## FROM THE UNION OFFICE

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am happy to accept the challenge of the Business Manager position, and anxious to have you know what I bring to the job. You may have known me forever, but not known much about me.

I have worked for Local 1220 since 1985—that's 20 years! I have been an "A" member and Assistant Business Manager and Office Manager since 1988. Although you know me more from collecting dues and answering phones, I have also written contract language and negotiated contracts. I have handled grievances and taken part in arbitration hearings. I have taken care of the duties of Financial Secretary for the entire time I have worked for you. I have prepared the budgets, done the payroll taxes, hired and trained staff, and participated in meetings and conferences with our affiliates. There is a huge, long list of things that happen in your Union office—and I have done them all! I have served Local 1220 in my previous position for five Business Managers—Thomas Nolan, Robert Janney, Jessica Logan, Don Brandon and Ro Wratschko. The position I have now is officially known as Business Manager/Financial Secretary/Delegate to International Convention (although there will not be a convention during this unexpired term I am filling). I look forward to putting my own mark on the job and ask for your help in doing it well.

My background includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Behavioral Science earned in 1982 from National Louis University. In addition, I have completed a three year program of Labor Leadership Studies at Roosevelt University. Since 2002 I have held a position on the DePaul University Labor Education Program Advisory Board.

I am no stranger to politics, as I ran for and won elected office, serving two terms as Alderman for the City of Prospect Heights, and Airport Commissioner for Palwaukee Municipal Airport. I am also a Commercial Pilot and an Instrument and Multi-Engine flight instructor. I co-founded the Palwaukee Airport Pilots Association. I am the Treasurer of a million dollar International scholarship fund for women pilots.

Although I was dragged kicking and screaming into the internet age, I now rely very heavily on email. I will be sending you correspondence often. Please check your IBEW 1220 webmail account frequently. If you don't remember how to get it—or can't find your user name and password—just let us know and we will get you going.

I am finishing up the outstanding business of Local 1220 and continuing with our work. Marie Kowalski and Jim Sterne are in the office helping to making it function well, and a former 1220 co-worker of mine, Jennifer Kastigar, will be joining us later this month.

Let's work together to get the job done!

*Madeleine Monaco*



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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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

FOX SPORTS – FOOTBALL  
HOCKEY, BASEBALL, NASCAR  
NATIONAL AGREEMENT

AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS  
P.O. BOX 802  
CHICAGO, IL 60616

AUDIO VISUAL ONE  
4625 N 25TH AVE  
SCHILLER PARK, IL 60176

CAMERA ORIGINALS  
125 WINDSOR DR #107  
OAKBROOK, IL 60523

CHICAGO MEDIA CONVERSIONS  
3353 S PRIARIE  
CHICAGO, IL 60616

DIGITAL BLUE, INC.  
22 WEST 344 HILCREST TR.  
MEDINAH, IL 60157

EVENT ENGINEERING  
2334 W NORTH AVE  
CHICAGO, IL 60647

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 FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisters and Brothers:

By now many of you have heard that Ro has resigned as Business Manager of Local 1220. After a thorough search process, the Executive Board named Madeleine Monaco as Business Manager to fill in for the remainder of Ro's term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Madeleine for stepping up to this challenge. She brings years of experience to the job and I think you will find the transition fairly smooth. As Ro took the month of September as vacation, Madeleine has actually been acting Business Manager for several weeks now. Thus far, Madeleine has been busy picking up where Ro left everything, and is hiring additional staff to fill in the positions opened by the reshuffling of office personnel. When you call the office be sure to thank Marie for all the extra work she has put in during the last six weeks. It has been a very difficult time, often holding down the office by herself. Both Madeleine and Marie have been working extra hard during the transition and continue to put out a Herculean effort each day. Please be patient when calling the office until things have a chance to settle down a little. Our members at WTVO in Rockford are still without a contract, although talks have been progressing. The newly formed producers group at WLS radio are in negotiations with Disney and there is hope that a first agreement will be signed soon. Please be sure that the office has a list of any outstanding issues in your shop in case they are not aware of all problems.

On September 29, the International Sixth District informed the local that we must turn over all documentation that pertains to the Court Reporters for delivery to Local 134. Madeleine will discuss this further in the Business Manager's column next month. Madeleine, John Trautschold and myself are scheduled to meet with the Sixth District Vice President over this issue in the coming weeks. We will report on that meeting in the next newsletter.

Although the officers and executive board were hoping that the new bylaws would be ready for your approval, the events of the past few months have made it difficult to complete that task. Much of what we have been discussing revolves around changes dictated by the International Office. As easy as that seems, some of the required language is actually a "pick which fits your local best and insert here" operation. Some of the language is left up to the local to draft with suggestions from the International committee and some of the language we must draft to cover operations in our local that don't pertain to other locals. For instance, we do not have office policies written anywhere. From the standpoint that we employ people to work in the office, it is necessary to consider vacation policy, sick leave, retirement and severance. Dues payments and initiation fees have been discussed for several months now as well. It is a lengthy and involved process but we will get through it soon.

Thank you to the members from the WGN shop who attended this month's regular meeting. It was nice to see members I haven't seen in a while. There was some lively discussion over the steward's reports and the change in business managers. Please come out again next month and bring a coworker. Now that White Sox are in the playoffs, several members are working the crew here in Chicago. I hope for your sake (OK I am a southsider) that the Sox continue to have a winning season, through the end of the month. Thanks to all those 1220 members who are there bringing us great coverage.

Fraternally,

*Alan J. Skierkiewicz*

## FIRST READINGS:

LEO BOROWSKI – EVENT ENGINEERING  
ALBERTO LLAMAS – WYCC TV  
TIMOTHY FOTI – WYCC/WKKC  
TOM BUBULKA – CAMERA ORIGINALS

NEW MEMBERS: none this month

## HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

The following members have met the requirements for the granting of this status: none this month

## DE PAUL LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sexual Harassment Awareness Workshop  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 9:30—12:00 NOON

The Union will fund your attendance at this valuable workshop explaining the types of harassment, management's responsibility to provide a work environment free of sexual harassment and your rights to file charges against your employer.

Please advise the Union office of your interest in attending. A registration form will be provided, and your tuition will be paid.

Scholarship Awards night will be held on Friday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in Teamsters Local 705 Hall, 1645 W Jackson, back building. Greg Leroy, author of "The Great American Jobs Scam: Corporate Tax Dodging and the Myth of Job Creation", will address the audience and sign copies of his new book. For more info call 312-362-5823.



## CONGRATULATIONS:

To JOHN RIZZO (Freelance– Executive Board Chairman) and his wife, Suzie, on the purchase of a new home. Best of luck to you!

## HURRICANE FUND ESTABLISHED

President Hill has sent the following message:



We are calling for the assistance of all IBEW local unions and members to provide any help possible to aid our members who have been devastated by this catastrophe. A relief fund has been established for this purpose and all monies donated are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to and sent to:

The IBEW Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund  
Chevy Chase Bank  
7501 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

See also the area of the IBEW web site dedicated to this disaster at [www.ibew.org](http://www.ibew.org) for more info.

## IN SYMPATHY:

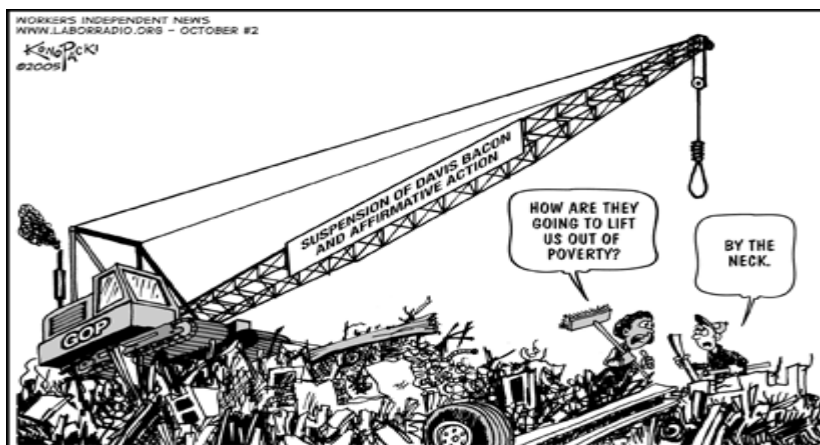
To Paul Krugman (member on Honorary Withdrawal) and his family on the loss of Paul's father Edward last month.

To the family and friends and former co-workers of CHARLES COLEMAN (CBS Retired) who passed away in July. He will be missed.

## UNION MEMBERS IN POLITICAL OFFICE

The International Office has requested that we identify any Union members serving in or running for a political office on any level of government. We have on file at the Union office candidate profile forms for you to fill out.

Please contact us to advise. Currently, the IBEW has more members elected to public office than any other union. Lets let the IO know about ours!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND AT 7:00 PM**  
**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD**

**\*\*DUES WERE DUE OCT. 1ST\*\***

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