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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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Sisters and Brothers:

On the financial front!

Your Local Union is very healthy. Wish we could say the economy is doing as well.

This quarter your dues rate has gone down to 1.4%. Our treasury balance is good. Our bills are paid. I am proud of our current officers management of the assets of this local Union and all of our outstanding contracts have now been settled. We remain busy with grievances and arbitrations—attempting to hold our contractors to the agreements they have signed. Of special significance are the arbitrations against Program Productions and Aesthetic Abstractions for failure to honor their agreements. In both cases the arbitrator has been chosen and the dates set for arbitration. Also being readied for arbitration is the grievance against Weigel/WCIU for contract violations. We will report on the progress of these issues each month.

As for our staff!

With a total of 36 people (including Officers and Stewards) on the Union payroll, we have 3 full time and two part time people working hard for you in the Union Office. New to most of you are probably the two part time people.

Diane is spending almost all of her 15-20 hours per week (at least 95%) on contract compliance for our video production contractors. She is constantly reviewing all of the data related to those employers and their payroll and benefits processing. She communicates with each employer and matches up the job reports with payroll reports and contribution reports. She is also responding to any member problems and issues in this regard. **Elise** is our 10 hour per week high-school work-study employee. She enters and files the video production job reports and clearances, as well as performing clerical work (mailing, filing, general office assistance). If it needs to be folded or stapled or mailed—Elise does it.

Marie processes dues and new members, and most of you have had contact with her over the course of your membership. She is administrative assistant primarily for Financial Secretary functions. She also handles Utility crewing.

Jim processes the clearances for all of the video production contractors job reports. He spends a good portion of his time on this part of our membership—working with contractors and members to keep the Union work straight. He also assists in negotiating agreements (and has done some himself), does organizing, grievance handling and contract maintenance, acts as Press Secretary for the local and maintains (through liaison with our IT guy) our computer system.

That leaves the **Business Manager** (that's me) to negotiate agreements, handle grievances and arbitrations, respond to and handle member complaints and problems, provide liaison between our Local and the District and International as well as other Unions and labor bodies, manage payroll, tax reporting, and accounting, prepare for all Union and Executive Board meetings, make arrangements for insurance, leasing office space, making office equipment purchases, and hiring staff and assigning duties. Managing all of this within the bounds of your Local's finances is something I am proud of—and that brings us right back to the first paragraph.

Are you better off today than you were 8 years ago? Be Sure to Vote next month!

Here's a quote for you—"I know that I sound just like a liberal, but at this point in history I am sick and tired of giant corporations running roughshod over decent people -- cutting their wages, polluting their work environment, denying them health care, forcing them to work unpaid overtime, busting their unions and other crimes we have never heard George Bush denouncing while he was cutting corporate taxes. I am sure lower taxes help corporations to function more profitably. Why is that considered progress, when many workers live in borderline poverty and executives have pissing contests over who has the biggest stock options?" Roger Ebert—in his review of *Flash of Genius* VOTE—IT'S VITAL!

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco, Business Manager/Financial Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE WEDNESDAY, November 5, 7:00 PM

At the Union office

8605 W Bryn Mawr Ave #309, Chicago

You are the Union!

Join in conducting the business of your Local. Your input is valuable.



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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

YOU UNION NEWS

PER CAPITA INCREASES 1-1-09

The per capita payment to the International Office goes up by \$1.00 as of the first of next year. Please make a note of that. BA (non-pension) members will pay \$12.00 per month, making the minimum dues before applying earnings to the formula, \$43.50/month (\$115.50 per quarter).

DUES RATE DECREASES 10-1-08

The Treasurer has announced that the balance in our Local Union accounts on June 30, 2008 was at the level which triggered a dues deduction. As of 10-1-08 dues will be calculated based on 1.4% of base pay, instead of 1.7% of base pay. Freelance and per diem dues minimums payable in advance will remain 112.50. (until 1-1-09—see above) When we calculate your dues on earnings in this quarter you will see the difference. Notices of the new dues rates are enclosed with each newsletter and sent via USPS this month.

SHIRTS AVAILABLE:

IBEW 1220 SHIRTS—Henley style, in either white or navy, are available at the Union office for \$20.00.

NEW SIZES ARE IN

Contact the office to order—we take credit cards—call 773-714-1220 or email info@ibew1220.org.

MEETING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Members can view meeting agenda, bills and copies of the correspondence 30 minutes prior to the meeting by appointment.

FIRST READINGS:

ERYN WALANKA – WYCC GREGORY HALIK – AVONE

NEW MEMBERS APPROVED:

BRENDAN TEGLIA—AESTHETIC ABSTRACTIONS

OUR SYMPATHY TO:

The friends and family of SAM PETITTO (WBBM RET) who passed away recently.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO:

SANDRA NEWCOMB—on her retirement from WBBM TV.
WILLIE WHITE IV (WCIU) and Neya Dœur, on the birth of their son Willie White V on September 21st.

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED TO:

The following have met the requirements for this status
GARY BABBITT NO LONGER IN BROADCASTING
NATHAN ARGER NO LONGER IN BROADCASTING
THOMAS POLLACK – LEFT WCIU MOVED TO MICHIGAN



Here's What You Need to Know About Voting Options for Presidential Election

General Election - November 4, 2008

FEDERAL OFFICES	U.S. President/Vice President U.S. Senate U.S. Representatives
STATE OFFICES	State Senators State Representatives
COUNTY OFFICES	Circuit Court Clerk Recorder of Deeds State's Attorney
JUDICIAL OFFICES	Supreme Court Appellate Judges Circuit Court Judges Resident Circuit Court Judges Subcircuit Judges (Vacancies, if any, will be filled)

GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING (ONLY AT COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 69 W. WASHINGTON ST., CHICAGO, AND SUBURBAN COURTHOUSES) OCTOBER 8, 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2008

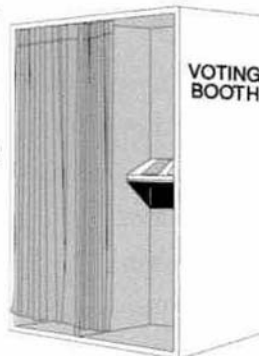
There is only one way and one place to register to vote during the 14-day grace period. Unregistered voters must sign up to vote, in person, at the Cook County Clerk's downtown Chicago office: 69 W. Washington St., Room 500, and suburban courthouses. You must show two pieces of identification to register.

Grace-period voters must vote absentee. You can: 1) vote in person at the Cook County Clerk's office immediately after signing up to vote; or 2) receive an absentee ballot by mail that you can complete at home and return to the Cook County Clerk's office before Election Day.

Grace-period registrants are not allowed to vote at the polls on Election Day or vote at any early voting site.

EARLY VOTING (no excuse or reason needed)

Registered voters in suburban Cook County can vote early from Monday, October 13, 2008, through Thursday, October 30, 2008, at any one of the early voting sites which are scattered across suburban Cook County, as well as downtown Chicago. The Village of Palatine, 200 E. Wood Street, is one of the Early Voting sites. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday (October 18th & 25th) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Early voting will be conducted on touch screens that store every ballot style in the County, permitting any voter in suburban Cook to vote at any location. **Early Voters must show a current government-issued photo ID (Illinois Driver's license, a State ID, or a Passport) to vote early.** For a complete listing of early voting sites visit www.voterinfonet.com.



IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING (ONLY AT COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICES) (must provide a reason)

In-Person Absentee Voting will take place on Friday, October 31, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Saturday, November 1, 2008 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon), Sunday, November 2, 2008 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon), and Monday, November 3, 2008 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), only at the Cook County Clerk's five suburban courthouses and their downtown office.

MAIL IN ABSENTEE VOTING (must provide a reason)

If you prefer to vote absentee by mail, or if you have children away at school who wish to vote absentee, you may pick up an application at Village Hall or download the application at www.voterinfonet.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION AND/OR POLLING PLACE INFORMATION

To confirm that you are a registered voter and/or to check your precinct # and polling place, please call the Cook County Clerk's office automated number at (312)603-0906 or you may visit their website at www.voterinfonet.com

ELECTION JUDGES

If you are interested in being an Election Judge, please contact the Cook County Clerk's Office at (312)603-0965 or visit their website at www.voterinfonet.com for more information.

For additional information, please visit www.palatine.il.us.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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