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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 1220

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FROM THE UNION OFFICE

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is a time for new beginnings for us. After proudly serving on your Executive Board and then as your Business Manager, I have the privilege of being asked to work for the IBEW in Washington. IBEW International President, Edwin Hill, has appointed me to serve as an International Representative, as Assistant to the Director of the Broadcasting and Recording Department. In Union speak, I have been appointed by the I.P. to serve as an I.R. at the I.O.

So, I will be moving with my family to the Washington DC area at the end of this month. I will miss my Union friends and co-workers, and my neighbors, and my family here in Chicago, but I look forward to a brand new way to contribute to the labor movement and the IBEW Broadcasting world.

As required by the Constitution of the IBEW, your Executive Board met in special session on Tuesday, September 13th, to elect a qualified individual to complete the remainder of my unexpired term of office as Business Manager. After considering several candidates, the Board has unanimously selected current Assistant Business Manager, Madeleine Monaco, to serve in that position. Madeleine has served this Union well as an administrator of its business for over 20 years and is well qualified to continue as Business Manager. I give her my support, and ask that you give her yours.

In the past two years since you have elected me to be your Business Manager we have accomplished a great deal. We have restored financial stability to the Local. We have modernized office equipment and installed a DSL line and two servers. We have improved the timely transmission of info to members by setting up personalized web-mail boxes for every member and sending electronic newsletters. We have increased the visibility of our Local within the IBEW by having an article in the IBEW Journal Local Lines often as well as in the body of the Journal on several occasions. We have improved standards for utility workers and instituted a training class for this work. We have put in place a shredding policy to protect the members personal information from identity theft. We held a special Steward's retreat-style training session. We have organized new contractors and ratified several other contracts.

I am confident that Madeleine will carry on in the tradition of improving communications and efficiencies in this office, for without her help and that of Marie Kowalski and Jim Sterne we would never have accomplished as much in such a short time.

Please remember to check your personal web-mail box at least once a week. Doing so will keep you informed of the latest information your union needs to share with you. Participate in your Union—volunteer, go to meetings and have an open dialog. With each and every one of you contributing, progress will continue to happen.

As I am staying in the Broadcasting Department, you, the members of my home local, will remain my special concern and my Union friends. I will bring the experience and knowledge of Union life in Chicago and in the thirteen 1220 states represented by this Local with me, and remain available to you, should you need me.

I want to express my thanks to the people that I have worked with, the Officers of this Local Union, the Executive Board members that I have served with, the Stewards in every shop and on the street, and you, the members of this Local Union for all of the work you do to keep us strong and to keep us professional.

I wish you every success—you deserve it!

In Solidarity,

Ro Wratschko



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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 _____

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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisters and Brothers:

This has been an extremely busy month for the officers of the local. In case you have not heard the news, Brother Ro Wratschko has tendered his resignation as Local 1220 Business Manager. Ro has accepted a position with the International Office of the I.B.E.W. in Washington, D.C. (Please see his article for more details.)

As outlined in the Local Union By-Laws and the International Constitution, I declared the office vacant and with the other officers began a search for a replacement who would accept the responsibility of filling out the remainder of the term. The Executive Board met in a special session to review the abilities of the interested parties and after some deliberation, they announced their decision. Madeleine Monaco, (known to most of you as Assistant Business Manager and Office Manager) has been appointed by the board to fill the position until the regular election takes place during June of next year. I am happy that the board chose to keep the continuity in the office that is essential to daily work flow. As some of you may know, Madeleine has been instrumental in Local business for many years. She has worked tirelessly filling out the required paper work for the I.O. while answering your questions, registering prospective members, and working in various capacities as assigned by the Business Managers. Madeleine has been responsible for negotiating several contracts during her tenure with the local and is familiar with each contract, individual company management, and International staff. Please join me and the other officers in thanking Madeleine for stepping up in our hour of need and accepting the position of Business Manager.

Ro's resignation is effective on September 30, 2005, and Madeleine will take over responsibility the following day, October 1. Ro begins his new position on that date. Thanks to Ro for the job he has done in the past two years. A business manager's job is most stressful when a contract is in negotiation. Please be advised that those contracts still outstanding are our highest priority at the moment.

The Local 1220 picnic took place a few weeks ago and a fun time with good food was had by all. We gave out the service awards (previously done at the December meeting) and several members were in attendance. Of those present, our retired members give me the greatest joy in presenting recognition of their years of service to our industry and the local. Congratulations to all our members celebrating an anniversary this year, including retirees Bob Janney, John Horde and Cal Langenberg. It was great to talk to you all and hear about some of the history of the local from other members who wrote in as well.



I am sorry to inform you of the death of Marie's father recently. He passed away in early September following a hospital stay. Please remember Marie and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.



As always, be reminded that kids are back in school and days are getting shorter. Please slow down near schools and playgrounds. Be prepared to stop for students crossing the street in front of schools, stores and other gathering places and be aware of bikes and skateboards.

Please join me in supporting Madeleine as she takes over the position of Business Manager/Financial Secretary. And join us at the October meeting, on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 PM.

Fraternally,

Alan J. Skierkiewicz

FIRST READINGS:

ALEJANDRO MARIN – CBS NEWS
THOMAS SEMON – WCIU
FELICITY BROWN – WCIU
JOSEPH HOFFMAN – CBS NEWS
DENNIS PIETROWSKI – CBS
PETER BIAGI – CBS
MATTHEW TANTON – WGN TV
LOTHAR KELLER – WGN TV
ANTHONY CHROBAK – FOX SPORTS
PAUL DZENDEL – CBS
TOM HAZELTON – CBS
BRYAN CLAVEY – CAMERA ORIGINALS
TOM MCCOSKY – CAMERA ORIGINALS
BRIAN BATEMAN – PRODUCT PROD
LAUREN STIGLICH – WGN TV NEWSWRITERS

NEW MEMBERS: none this month

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL GRANTED:

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

MIKE BOHACZ –NO UNION WORK –TEACHING NOW
MIKE REAL – PROMOTED TO CHIEF ENGINEER
JAMES STERNE – HEALTH CONCERNS PREVENT
CAMERA WORK
LIUBOV KARMINSKY – MOVING TO UKRAINE
IRVIN SCOTT – LEFT WTVO JUNE 05

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.

DE PAUL LABOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

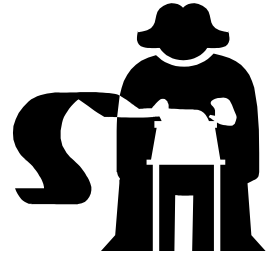


The Union will fund your attendance at this valuable workshop explaining the types of harassment, management's responsibility to provide a work environment free of sexual harassment and your rights to file charges against your employer.

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

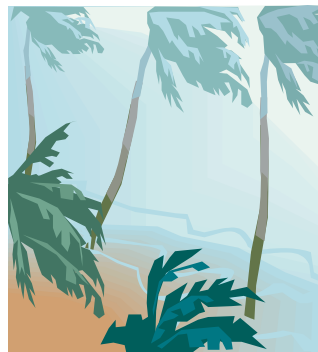
COURT REPORTERS UPDATE:

On September 14, 2005, two of our IBEW 6th District International Representatives attended a meeting of the Illinois AFL-CIO Card Committee and learned about the fine points of the new rules of the Illinois State Labor Relations Board. These new rules are very important to the Illinois Official Court Reporters as we move forward.



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 for more info.

IN SYMPATHY:

To MARIE KOWALSKI our Administrative Assistant, and her family on the loss of her father who passed away on August 23rd. He will be missed.

*You toiled so hard for those you loved.
You said goodbye to none,
Your spirit flew before we knew,
Your work on earth was done.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face;
No one can fill your vacant place.
Your life was love and labor.
Your love for your family true.
You did the best for all of us.
We will always remember you.*

In loving memory of Joseph Krolikowski
October 18, 1916—August 23, 2005

SECOND ANNUAL IBEW 1220 PICNIC

On Saturday, September 10th we met in the Catherine Chevalier Woods to enjoy food and drink and fun. Lots of members from all areas of our Union came out to eat and play and talk—we always talk!

President Al Skierkiewicz enjoying presenting Union seniority pins as follows:

70 Years John Gause
65 Years Leo Sivin
55 Years Bob Janney, Warren Phelps, Albert Sausser and Willard Strickland
50 Years Peter Bertolini, John Horde, Edward Koehler and Edwin Stryszak



Bob Janney receiving 55 year pin



John Horde receiving 50 year pin



Noel Ludwig receiving 40 year pin

40 Years George Arle, James Lucas, Noel Ludwig, Jesse Steward and Rich Well
35 Years Bob Cochran, Bob Gadbois, Phil Lejman, Ray Meinke and Maureen Wolf
30 Years Bob Chesney, Bob Dove, Dave Moyer, James Thale and Emmett Wilson
25 Years Barbara Allen, Lawrence Davis, John Eckert, Howard Florence, Dave Gianneschi, Bill Grittinger, Charles Hollis, Cal Langenberg, Jim Mancini, Mary Naumiec, Deb Segal, Barb Shintani, Anthony Torres and Tom Vlodek



Ray Meinke receiving 35 year pin



Cal Langenberg receiving 25 year pin



Barb Shintani receiving 25 year pin

So many of our employers donated either prizes or funding for the food and drink—we are grateful to them all. Door prizes included Sox and Cubs tickets, Lettuce Entertain You Gift Certificates, gift baskets, games, toiletries, a Cam Bracket and more.

Thanks to Jay and Susanne Kowalski, and Sue Newsome (Marie's husband, daughter and sister) for all their work

Thanks to Terry Roos for grilling—he was our own Emeril Live that day :-)

Thanks to those who brought a gift of food to share.

Thanks to Marie for her masterful planning and execution of the details.

Thanks to Madeleine for acting as host in Ro's unavoidable absence.



If you weren't there, you not only missed a good time—you were missed!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???
INFO@IBEW1220.ORG

THE NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 7:00 PM
BE SURE TO BRING YOUR UNION CARD

****DUES ARE DUE OCTOBER 1ST****

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