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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

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Sisters and Brothers:

Your delegates are in Cleveland Ohio as you read this (between September 11 and 15, 2006) conducting the business of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Bob Kastigar, Jim Sterne, and I will be attending a caucus meeting to select the next IBEW Sixth District Vice President, voting from the convention floor on our International President, International Secretary-Treasurer, International Executive Council Members, and many other matters. There will be By Law proposals presented, rules committee business to attend to law committee reports to asses and various other items of business.

At the last International Convention, held in San Francisco over the week of Sept 11, 2001, we suffered the shock along with the rest of the country and the world over what happened in New York. This Convention promises to be very different in many ways. We are not arriving early for many of the festivities, but are planning to be on the Convention floor bright and early Monday morning to begin to conduct business. We promise a report to all of the members upon our return.

We are opening negotiations soon with WCIU TV and WCEV Radio. Our members in both shops have been surveyed as to their wishes and concerns for a new agreement. We will prepare our proposals and begin meetings in the near future. Please remember to support those of your sisters and brothers who are in negotiations. It is a critical time in their work life and as Union members, we need to stand together. And if your shop is negotiating, remember to be the best you can be at your job and with your Union brethren. Solidarity makes a huge difference in the outcome. Look at the list of contracts on page 2 and note which of the agreements are currently being negotiated. Those in italics are in the works.

The Committee of all Officers is again working on the By Law revision. The document has been circulated to all of the new officers for their review and comments and will be presented to the membership in the near future. It will go through the amendment process as stipulated in on our By Laws; presented to the Recording Secretary for reading at a meeting, presentation to all members following that meeting and announcement of possible amendments the next meeting, and submission to the Executive Board for their approval and mailing for vote, or rejection and return to the members. You will hear from the By laws committee soon. Also, the President has begun to form a dues restructuring committee, as it has been some time since the committee of 2 staff and two freelance members reviewed and recommended changes in our dues structure. Let him know if you have an interest in serving on that committee.

I hope for a productive and pleasant Fall season to all of you.

In Solidarity,

Madeleine Monaco

NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, October 4 TH AT 7PM

AT THE UNION OFFICE

**DUES ARE DUE
OCTOBER 1, 2006
FOR 4TH QUARTER .**



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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 _____
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

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
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CHICAGO, IL 60616

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

CAMERA ORIGINALS
125 WINDSOR DR #107
OAKBROOK, IL 60523

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

EVENT ENGINEERING
2334 W NORTH AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60647

MEDIA PROCESS GROUP
1327 W WASHINGTON ST #103
CHICAGO, IL 60607

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 PRODUCTION
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

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YO UNION NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

ERASMO RIVERA—WYCC
PATRICK FLOM—WTVO
KEVIN COCORAN—VISIONS UNLIMITED
ROSEMARY ROBINSON—WBBM
JEREMY WARREN—OSA
JAMES GROH - FOX SPORTS
ALISHA CONWAY—WTVO
BRIAN CLAVEY—CAMERA ORIGINALS
PAUL ALVAREZ—WBBM
MICHAEL FLANAGAN—WBBM
KRISTIN MCCOY—WGN
WILLIE WATKINS—WCIU

FIRST READINGS

Sergio Zavala—Program Productions
Derrick Thomas—Visions Unlimited
Steve Golden—CBS Freelance
William Kinczewski—WTVO
Thomas Keen—WTVO
Ralph Higgins—WCEV
Dave Seaton—WTVO
Donald Ramer—Program Productions
Duane Linscott—WTVO

HONORARY WITHDRAWAL

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

Horace Toombs (left WBBM)

Honorary Withdrawal was not granted to another member who applied, because he wishes to maintain his eligibility to work for FOX, however infrequently.

TRAVEL CARDS ACCEPTED

Wyatt Anderson (LU 715): he works for FOX under the national contract and does no local Wisconsin work.

SICKNESS AND HEALTH

"I'm went back to WTTW on Sept. 8," Andy Fontana said. "There is only so much you can do at home when everyone else is working. It is really good to be back at WTTW." Fontana contracted the MRCA Staff infection, which might possibly have been airborne that settled in his foot. Within hours, his foot swelled making him unable to finish the PGA tour, where he was lead utility. He was admitted to Resurrection hospital where the abscess was lanced and drained. Andy left the hospital week later and returned home where he continued taking antibiotics for another few weeks as a precaution.

Chuck Pullen is back to work after his lumbar microdiscectomy. "The doctor suggested I do some yoga—but I'm not the yoga type," he said, adding that the only class available at the Munster hospital was for seniors. "I can't jog but I'm looking forward to swimming," he said.

Kim Nicole, who wiped out on her bicycle last month and broke her hip, made her final arrangements to work in Las Vegas. She can get into her car, but can't use the clutch because the pressure on her left leg pushes against her fractured hip. "Why drive when I can fly?" Kim said. "I've got a wheelchair for the airports, I'm staying at in a hotel room that is wheelchair accessible, and close to the convention floor." Kim said she is determined to do the job and pay her bills.

BOB JANNEY, B.M. (RET.)

"I'm getting so darn old," Bob said, "I only play one round a golf a day and it takes me almost three hours." The rest of the day he might visit his daughter, who lives nearby. "I like to do yard work for her and play with my three-and-a-half year old granddaughter, Kirstin Elizabeth Diane Bobek." Bob is only 80 next month.

LEGAL HELP CHEAP?

Need a Will? Need help with a family problem or traffic violation? Expert legal advice is just a 'click' away for Union Families. Members can consult with a lawyer for up to 30 minutes at no charge by going to www.unionplus.org. look on the left side for "Legal Resources." You can also find a lawyer near you.

While you are at it, check out all the benefits Union members can cash in on. Union Plus has something for just about anything, including Pet Insurance.

NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT

Labor's legislative agenda is closely tied to moral issues. The Union way is to improve the quality of life for all our nation's working people. This means unions are also against any policy or program that erodes workers standard of living.

In the United states today, corporations are awash in money and they will not spend it. They will not share it with their workers unless workers band together for strength to fight against this injustice. Workers have consistently improved their productivity, profits have increased, yet workers real wages have fallen .

This November voters will choose again. Let your voice be heard and vote against candidates who do not support our Union Values.

FREELANCE UNION DUES

Each quarter Freelance Members are required to pay basic dues of \$109.50 (\$72 goes to 1220 and \$37.50 goes to the International). This amount covers earnings of \$4,236. Earnings above \$4,326 will be assessed 1.7%for dues on the day rate without overtime. These additional working dues are computed as the contractors send in their reports, which can vary.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REACH US BY EMAIL???

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

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