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**A Message from A. C. McAfee
Business Manager/Financial Secretary**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

The following Bylaws change will have the second reading and be voted on at the General Membership Meeting on December 1, 2009. This change is due to the dissolving of the Building Corporation. The proposed Bylaws change follows the Pattern Bylaws language sent to all Business Managers by Intl. Pres. Hill.

Replace existing ARTICLE XIII with a new Article.

ARTICLE XIII

Property of IBEW Local Union 20

- Sec. 1.** The Local Union's building, and other property, located at 684 and 688 W. Tarrant Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050, shall be owned by and in the name of IBEW Local Union No. 20.
- Sec. 2.** The Local Union members shall, by majority vote of those present and voting, decide all issues concerning the building and other real property of the Local Union. A majority of the members voting shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 3.** To promote and carry out the aims and interests of the Local Union, no real property of the Local Union shall be sold, leased, encumbered, or disposed of, nor shall any real property be purchased or otherwise acquired, except by a majority of the Local Union members present and voting, following notice to all members, as provided in Section 4.
- Sec. 4.** All members of the Local Union shall be notified in writing of the nature of a resolution of the announced intention to dispose of or acquire real property at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the meeting. Said resolution shall be read at such regular or specially-called meeting. The members shall then vote on the resolution.
- Sec. 5.** All decisions concerning the disposition or acquisition of real property by the Local Union must be approved, in advance, by the International President.

NEW BUILDING

By the time you read this newsletter, all of the steel should be erected and the Bricklayers working on the job. Most of the driveway and parking areas will be paved also. We just need more dry days and the job can move forward quickly.

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GROUP I STATUS LIMITATION

In a letter from Intl. Pres. Hill dated December 23, 2008, all IBEW Local Unions in the United States having Inside and Outside jurisdiction were notified of the revision to Article IV, Referral Language, Section 5.05 (Category I language), which was changed to include the "Group I Limitation" language.

In a letter from Intl. Pres. Hill dated October 22, 2009, all IBEW Local Unions were informed of the Electronic Registration for Group I Status Limitation Referral Language as follows:

"Group I status shall be limited to one Local Union at one time. An applicant who qualifies for Group I in a Local Union shall be so registered electronically and remain on Group I in that Local Union unless and until the applicant designates another Local Union as his or her Group I Local Union. If an applicant qualifies for Group I status in a Local Union other than his or her home Local Union and designates that Local as his or her Group I Local Union, the Business Manager of the new Group I status Local Union shall, by electronic means, notify the Business Manager of the applicant's former Group I status Local Union. The Business Manager shall notify the employer of an employee whose group status changes under this provision."

Effective November 1, 2009, the electronic registration process will begin via the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System (ERTS). All members will be defaulted to the home local as designated on their official dues receipt. That status will remain unchanged until an applicant qualifies to another local according to provisions of the Category I language. As stated in the language, this can only be accomplished upon meeting the qualifications of the newly designated local and communication to the applicant's former Group I status local.

As this process is implemented, the membership will benefit as a whole by eliminating the possibility of duplicate Group I status.

NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE IS QUOTED FROM THE LETTERS FROM INTL. PRES. HILL.

STEWARDS REPORT

The following Stewards attended the last Local Union General Membership meeting and gave a short report on the status of their job.

Stan Taber – Angiel – XTO Bldg. in Fort Worth

Robert Kern – Boggs – Bell Helicopter Plant #5

DOOR PRIZE

The Door prize at the last Local Union meeting was won by Xgard Flores who was sworn in as a new Apprentice member at the same meeting.

2009-2010 TEXAS AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2009-10 Texas AFL-CIO Scholarship Program is under way. Those who may apply for the scholarship are members or children of members of Local Unions affiliated with the Texas AFL-CIO.

For further information about the scholarship and the qualifications, you can go online at: ed@texasaflcio.org or call the Local Union 20 Business Office to request an application by mail.

SICK AND INJURED

There were no names to be added to this list as of this publishing.

DEATHS
(Correction)

In the October, 2009 newsletter, 3 DB#'s were inadvertently left off. So if you have already paid thru DB# 370, do not send in another payment. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have recently passed away.

DB# 367 -	William D. Gathers	Passed away 3/14/09	Member 29 Years
DB# 368 -	William C. Wood	Passed away 9/21/09	Member 38 Years
DB# 369-	Bobby J. Sexton	Passed away 10/01/09	Member 54 Years
DB# 370-	Elmo E. Estes	Passed away 10/12/09	Member 41 Years
Non-Participant Member-	William W. Pentecost	Passed away 10/13/2009	Member 42 Years

Also, we send our condolences to the member(s) listed below who have recently lost loved ones.

Terry Aycock lost his mother, Mary Lee Aycock on 10/25/09. She was 72 years young.

IBEW PENSION APPLICANTS

The following list of members were approved to apply for their IBEW Pension at the Nov. 3, 2009 Union Meeting.

Willie Claiborne, Thomas Gargis, Anthony (Tony) Loria, Sr. Perry Nelson

We would like say "Thank you, to each one of you, for your many years of service and dedication to the IBEW. May you each be blessed with many years of good health and enjoyment throughout your retirement years."

RETIRED MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS

The Dallas Retired Members will meet at Dickey's BBQ Restaurant, located at 7770 Forest Lane, Dallas, TX. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at approximately 11:00 AM for great food and fellowship. If you are a retired member and have never attended the monthly luncheons, we encourage you and your spouse or friend to attend.

FORT WORTH RETIRED MEMBERS

The Fort Worth Retired Members will meet at the IBEW 116 Federal Credit Union, located at 603 S. Adams in Fort Worth, TX. (corner of S. Adams and Pennsylvania), on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon. Come at 11:00 AM if you want to play dominos. Lunch is at Massey's at 1:30 PM.

If you need more information, call Tooter Mills at 817-292-9727. If you need assistance or are ill, call Odis Green at 817-448-8697; Richard Fox at 817-378-0323 or Tommy Hammer at 817-460-7718.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next General Membership Meeting will be on December 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the North Texas JATC facility located at 680 W. Tarrant Rd., Grand Prairie, Tx.

We urge your attendance at these monthly meetings so you will know what is going on with your Local Union.

