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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 is the General Election. This is one of the most important elections in modern times for working families. Please study the issues and decide what is best for you and your family. **THEN GO VOTE!!!** Early voting is currently going on, but it ends on Friday, Oct. 31. There is no excuse for not being able to vote. If you miss early voting, then be sure and vote on Tues, Nov 4. If you don't vote, then you cannot gripe later. **PLEASE GO VOTE!!!!**

Check out the IBEW website at www.ibew.org for more election information and positions of the candidates on some major issues.

The next Local Union General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008**. Months ago the members voted to reschedule the meeting due to the General Election being held on our regular scheduled meeting date.

The inside branch will have a new insurance PPO beginning Jan. 1, 2009. It will be Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois and their website is www.bcbsil.com. You can go to their website NOW and see if your health providers are on their network. They have done an analysis and have found that 90% of the providers of existing claims are currently on their network.

I have had members asking numerous questions about our insurance, so I have made arrangements with the Administrator for a Representative, Mr. Scott Butterfield, to be present at the next local union meeting to address members concerns.

The only thing changing is the PPO. I have been told this **will not affect** hour bank, HSAs, deductibles for this year, Dental, Vision, or prescription drug benefits. It **will affect** "Network Providers". We anticipate there will be **MORE** Network Providers than we previously had. All of the above questions and concerns are going to be covered at the next Local Union Meeting on **Nov. 11, 2008**.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield will mail the initial Member Communication on Dec. 5, 2008 and new ID cards on Dec. 19th. In the meantime, go check out their website at www.bcbsil.com and attend the next Local Union Meeting.

WHAT IS A UNION ? A Union is its **members**. The UNION is YOU! The Union is **not** the Union Office or Union Hall. A Union only exists because of its members **bonding together** for a common cause. Stay Informed! Attend your Local Union Meetings!

THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY!!!

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2008 Annual Awards Banquet

The 2008 Annual Awards Banquet that was held on October 18, 2008 at the Hilton Arlington was a great success with approximately 220 people in attendance.

To all those who were able to attend the banquet, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and enjoyed the fellowship with other Brothers and Sisters.

To those who were not able to attend, you were certainly missed and we hope you will be able to attend next years' banquet.

Within the next few weeks, we will be sending out the certificates, pins and watches to those who were not able to attend the banquet.

Also, each member who attended the banquet will receive a free 4 x 6 individual and group picture. If you want to order additional pictures, you need to call Angie at the LU No. 20 Business Office and place your order.

The price list for additional pictures are: 8 x 10 = \$10.00 5 x 7 = \$5.00 4 x 6 = \$2.00

RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON OF DALLAS AND FORT WORTH

DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS—The Dallas Retired Members **will meet at the Blackeyed Pea Restaurant**, located at 7778 Forest Lane, Dallas, Tx. on the 2nd Tuesday of October, 2008 at approximately 11:00 AM for great food and fellowship. If you are a retired member and have never attended the monthly luncheon, we encourage you and your spouse or friend to attend.

FORT WORTH—The Retired Members will meet at the new location of the 116 Federal Credit Union, located at 603 S. Adams, Fort Worth, Tx. (corner of S. Adams and Pennsylvania), 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 are ill or need assistance, call Odis Green at 817-448-8697, Richard Fox at 817-378-0212, Tommy Hammer at 817-460-7718 or Jimmy Furr at 817-558-2009.

PENSION APPLICATIONS

We would like to acknowledge those member(s) listed below who have applied for their IBEW Pension.

Robert T. Allen, Larry D. Martin, Clayton B. Massey, John L. Spinelli

Thank you to all those mentioned above for all your years of service and dedication to the IBEW.

116 Retired Members Club Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Brother Tony Griffin, who held the winning ticket in a recent raffle sponsored by the 116 Retired Members Club for an Ithaca 12 Gauge Automatic Shotgun.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of those members listed below that we have recently lost.

DB# 339	J. M. Crump—Passed away on 10/5/08—Member 58 years
Non-Participant	Ralph D. Lough—Passed away 10/10/2008—Member 65 years
DB# 340	Carl W. Browning—Passed away on 10/14/2008—Member 19 years
DB# 341	Hugh A. Shelton—Passed away on 10/14/2008—Member 58 years

We also want to extend our sympathy to those members listed below who have recently lost a loved one.

Lee Robinson lost his father, W. B. Robinson on 10/14/08.

SICK AND INJURED

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to the members mentioned below. If you know or have worked with any of Brothers mentioned below, give them a call or a visit and make sure their needs are being met.

Alton Hooker

Robert Branum

Daniel R. Shotwell

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

IBEW LU #20 - (817) 695-1111 or Toll Free Number—1-877-423-9937
IBEW LU #20 FCU—(214) 363-9223
IBEW LU#116 FCU—(817) 335-3658
Annuity Fund—(972) 943-9559 or toll free 1-800-535-1624
IBEW-NECA Southwestern Health & Benefit Fund—(972) 980-1123 or Toll Free 1-800-527-0320
LINECO Insurance—1-800-323-7268
Delta Dental—1-800-336-8264

Quote of the month By John L. Lewis

The labor movement is organized upon a principle that the strong shall help the weak. The strength of a strong man is a prideful thing, but the unfortunate thing in life is that strong men do not remain strong. And it is just as true of unions and labor organizations as is true of men and individuals. And whereas today the craft unions of this country may be able to stand upon their own feet and like mighty oaks stand before the gale, defy the lightning, yet the day may come when those organizations will not be able to withstand the lightning and the gale. Now, prepare yourselves by making a contribution to your less fortunate brethren... Organize the unorganized!

REMINDER

Have you recently moved or had any changes in your mailing address? If you have, did you remember to notify the Local Union Business Office, the Annuity Fund Office, the Health and Benefit Office, the Federal Credit Union and the International Office of the IBEW of these changes? If not, you need to do so promptly, so you don't miss out on any important mail outs of dues, newsletters, monthly statements, etc.

Also, do you know who you have listed as your beneficiary(ies) with the Health and Benefit Fund, the Annuity Fund, the Federal Credit Union, and with the International Office of the IBEW? If there have been changes in your life, due to divorce, death, or any other life changing event, you may need or want to change your designated beneficiary(ies) with the same Funds mentioned above.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR RECORDS CURRENT WITH THE FUND OFFICES.