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

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

OFFICIAL NOTICE – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

LOCAL UNION 20, IBEW

In accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the Local Union Bylaws, nominations for officers of IBEW Local Union 20 will be held on **May 5, 2009** beginning at 7:00 PM at the local union meeting at the Electrical Training Center, 680 W. Tarrant Rd., Grand Prairie, Texas 75050. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one (1) office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be three (3) years:

President/Delegate to the International Convention
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Financial Secretary/Business Manager/Delegate to the International Convention
Treasurer
Executive Board (7 members)
Examining Board (5 members)
Delegate to the International Convention (5 members in addition to the B.M. & Pres.)

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 3, the Business Manager and President shall, by virtue of their offices, serve as delegates to the International Convention.

At this time, Local Union 20 is entitled to seven (7) delegates to the International Convention to be held in September, 2011. The election of delegates to be in accordance with Article II of the IBEW Constitution and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Local Union Bylaws. Local Union past practice is that nominees not elected as delegates become alternates based upon number of votes received.

In order to be nominated for an office or as a delegate to the International Convention, a member must have a minimum of two (2) years of continuous good standing in Local Union 20. Good standing means that the member is current in the payment of dues and has been for the two (2) years preceding the nominations.

In accordance with IBEW Constitution, Article XV, Section 14, no apprentice shall be eligible to hold any office in the L.U., except that a member who was previously eligible to hold office in the L.U. shall remain eligible if he entered an apprenticeship program for the purpose of upgrading his classification.

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All nominations are in accordance with Article II, Article XV, and Article XVI of the IBEW Constitution and Article III of the Local Union Bylaws.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot, and ballots shall be counted beginning at 8:00 AM on June 4, 2009 at the Electrical Training Center. All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the above-specified date. Ballots received after the close of business on June 3, 2009 will not be counted. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot.

In the event a runoff election is necessary, it shall also be conducted by mail ballot twenty one (21) days after the election. Ballots shall be counted beginning at 8:00 AM on June 25, 2009 at the Electrical Training Center. Ballots received after the close of business on June 24, 2009 will not be counted.

Any member who does not receive a ballot by mail may make a written request to the IBEW Local Union 20 Election Judge and postmarked no later than Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Each candidate is permitted to have an observer at the pickup of the ballots and their delivery to the counting site, and to watch the entire proceedings. Observers may not interfere with the orderly procedure of the election.

All officers shall be installed and begin their three (3) year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted during the conduct of the election is urged to contact the Election Judge. Further protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within thirty (30) days following the election. The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

STEWARDS REPORTS

The following Stewards attended the last union meeting and gave a short report on the status of their job:

Goobar Morris – Angiel Electric – VA Hospital job
Dean Wylie – Alman – Southwest Medical Center
James Collins – Alman – DFW Airport Terminal “A”
Ron Flatt – Fisk – Ritz Carlton job
Stan Tabor – Angiel – XTO Bldg. in downtown FW

All Stewards are requested to attend the union meetings and give a short report on the status of your job (manpower, etc.)

DOOR PRIZE: The monthly door prize was won by **MIKE COURSON**. The door prize consists of a month's basic dues.

ADVANCED ESTIMATING CLASS: There is an Advanced Estimating Class being scheduled now and most of the cost will be paid by QUEST. If you are interested, call the NECA office at 817-640-6403 to put your name on the list.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLASS: The class scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 has been canceled due to lack of interest. We are going to schedule a class when we have enough members interested to justify the class. The class will include topics “8 for 8”, “Your Career”, and “Getting the most out of your on the Job Training”. All members are encouraged to attend, but the class will be especially informative for CW and CE members.

REPRESENTATION ELECTIONS: On March 26, 2009 the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) conducted a representation election for Hargrove Electric. Our IBEW members showed up in strength and voted 49 to 1 FOR THE UNION.

We also had another Representation Election on the same day for the employees of Stanley Works who make and install personnel entrance doors. There are 12 workers at Stanley Works and they voted 8 to 4 FOR THE UNION.

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The IBEW represents the Stanley workers in several other locations across the United States: i.e. Detroit, Chicago, and St. Louis. Now we are beginning to work on a first contract for the local workers.

OUTSTANDING APPRENTICE: The North Texas Electrical JATC selected **JASON ALLEN** as the Outstanding Apprentice in the fifth year. Jason represented the JATC and Local 20 at the District Outstanding Apprentice Contest held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 in Tucson, Arizona and finished 2nd in the contest. CONGRATULATIONS JASON ON A JOB WELL DONE. We are very proud of you and our other apprentices.

GROUND BREAKING! Ground breaking was done on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 for our new local union office building and meeting hall. There were not any shiny shovels and people posing for pictures, but a bull dozer was unloaded and just went to work moving dirt. We did get a picture of the dozer. (See picture below)



EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT: You are encouraged to write letters, in your own handwriting, to your legislators and ask them to support the Employee Free Choice Act. (See page 4 for sample topics you can cover.)

**2009 SPRING FLING and GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by the Fort Worth Retired Members Club**

Well, it's that time once again, to start making your plans to attend the 2009 Spring Fling and Golf Tournament, which is sponsored by the Fort Worth Retired Members Club. This event will take place on May 2, 2009 at the Longhorn Park on beautiful Benbrook Lake.

This event is open to all members of Local Union No. 20. Tickets for this event are \$10.00 per family. So mark your calendar and make your plans to attend this event for great food, fellowship and golf. We will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings.

For more information on the Spring Fling tickets, call Tooter Mills at 817-292-9727.

For information regarding the golf tournament, call Steve Currin at 817-781-9361.

TRAVEL LETTERS

If you request a travel letter, you are required to notify the Local Union Business Office 24 hours in advance.

**ELECTRONIC RECIPROCAL TRANSFER SYSTEMS
(ERTS)**

Before you travel to other Local Unions, you need to make sure you are signed up on ERTS. If you have not already done this you need to contact Angie Whorton, at the LU 20 Business Office to set up an appointment.

SAMPLE MESSAGES TO CONGRESS ON THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

When constituents speak, Congress listens. Sending an original, handwritten letter and making a personal phone call are two of the most effective things you can do to be heard by your members of Congress. Following are some sample messages you can use as a guide in writing and calling your U.S. senators and representative. *Including your own thoughts and adding a personal story makes your correspondence more effective.*

Please model your personal message based on the points below when writing a letter to your U.S. senators and representative. Urge them to co-sponsor and support the Employee Free Choice Act (H.R. 1409 / S. 560).

Mail your letters to:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

(There is no need for individual room numbers.)

- Please co-sponsor and vote for the Employee Free Choice Act. In these perilous economic times, we must restore workers' freedom to bargain with their employers for secure jobs, health care and retirement benefits, and fair pay. It's time to rebuild the middle class and help struggling working families.
- The Employee Free Choice Act will restore workers' freedom to form unions and bargain with their employers for a better life. With our economy in a free fall, working families need a fair chance to get ahead. The best stimulus plan for the U.S. economy is to strengthen the buying power of working Americans. Please co-sponsor and vote for the Employee Free Choice Act to put the American Dream back within reach of working people.
- America's workers are the most productive in the world. But we're taking the brunt of the pain in today's economy while the bankers and executives who caused the crisis continue to reap their benefits. Please restore our freedom to bargain for secure jobs, health care and retirement benefits, and fair pay by co-sponsoring and voting for the Employee Free Choice Act.

RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON OF DALLAS AND FORT WORTH

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 luncheon, we encourage you and your spouse or friend to attend.

FORT WORTH RETIRED MEMBERS

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.

PENSION APPLICANTS

Listed below are members who have recently applied for their pensions. We would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to each of you for your years of service and dedication to the IBEW.

Edward Brown, Gary D. Mosley, Richard M. Ray, Noah B. Enloe, Jerry W. Wiggins.

May you all have many years of good health and happiness during your retirement years.

DECEASED MEMBERS

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

DB# 352 Jimmie W. Furr, Passed away 3/26/09 - He was a member 58 yrs.

Also, we want to remember our members who have lost loved ones. They are:

Randall Mackey—He lost his step-son, Bradley "Kyle" Weatherly on Feb. 28, 2009.

James Gedion—He lost is father, Henry W. Gedion on 4/8/09.

Ricky Rhea—He lost his sister, June Saylor on 3/17/09.

If you know any of those mentioned or the families of those members we have lost, please take time to acknowledge their loss.

SICK AND INJURED

We wish a speedy and full recovery to those members listed below.

They are: **Brad Steinsiek, Mark Lewis, Steve Yates and Michael Mehallic**

If you know a member that should be added to this list, please call the Business Office.

MEMBERS CURRENT INFORMATION

Please make sure that your mailing address is current with the Local Union Business Office. We continue to have a numerous amount of return mail due to insufficient or incomplete addresses. If you are not receiving your monthly newsletters or dues receipts in the mail, you need to call the Business Office and see what address we have on file for you.

2009 COMMUNITY SERVICE, HALL OF FAME, AND PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

The awards for Community Service and the Publications contest will be presented at the Texas AFL-CIO Forty-Ninth Constitutional Convention on July 16-18, at the Dallas Sheraton Grande Hotel in Irving, Texas. And the Hall of Fame awards will be presented at the COPE Convention in 2010. The deadline for submission of the form(s) is May 15, 2009.

Nominations must be in one of these three categories:

- 1.) Individual union members,
- 2.) Local Unions (branches, lodges, etc.)
- 3.) AFL-CIO Central Labor Councils (CLC's)

If you are interested in receiving the rules and guidelines for the 3 different award categories, please contact the Local Union Business Office.