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A Message from A. C. McAfee BUSINESS MANAGER/FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We have finally settled the Inside Collective Bargaining Agreement with the 8 Independent Contractors. They have agreed to sign a Letter of Assent B and abide by the NECA Agreement. It is good to have this behind us and be able to move on.

I need the members on EVERY JOB to check dues receipts of everyone working on the job. If there has not been a Steward appointed, then the first Journeyman on the job other than the Foreman is automatically Steward. Any worker who is not a member should be encouraged to contact the Local Union Business Office. We need to visit with every worker to make sure their benefit cards are filled out. Then we can help make sure their benefits are paid and properly accredited. We would also like for every worker to be a member of the union. The union cannot properly represent the workers if they do not contact us.

Are you registered to VOTE??? All union members should be registered to vote and be sure to VOTE in the primary election on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. If you are not sure how to vote, then ask someone on the job for their opinion. We need to let ourselves be heard at the polls by showing up and VOTING. With the early voting procedures in place today, there is no reason for not voting. GO VOTE!!!

RETIREMENT INFORMATION

If you plan on retiring soon, please be advised that it will take **six months** to process a National Electrical Benefit Fund pension application. You will have two pension applications; one for IBEW and one for NEBF. NEBF is the main pension benefit for most members. Request pension applications from Linda Rutherford at (817) 695-1111, ext. 103, six months before the date you want to retire. It is your responsibility to submit your application timely to NEBF. An incomplete application or missing documents will delay processing of your application. Call Linda Rutherford to set an appointment if you need assistance completing your application. IBEW Pension applications are ordered from the International Office of the IBEW in Washington, D.C. when you request your pension applications (con't pg. 2)

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Retirement Information (con't from pg. 1)

The following rules govern the effective date of the NEBF Pension Benefit:

The effective date is the later of:

- a). The month following the receipt of the participants pension application;
- b). The month following the participants birthday (65-normal retirement, 62-early retirement);
- c). The month the participant retires from the electrical industry;
- d). Disabilities after June 30, 1987, the effective date shall be the month following the date of disability.

New Members

We would like to welcome the new members to I.B.E.W. Local Union No. 20.

JIW - Randall Nalls, James McAda, Delores Cowdrey, Oscar Marroquin, Bartolome Sanchez, Deon Brown

Teledata Tech I- John Wu

Teledata Tech II- Darin Fuller

Apprentice Wireman- Ryan Bates

CE-1 - Horacio Salas-Santos

CE-2 - Jose Ortega, Rolando Altamirano, Saul Moreno

CE-3 - Jose Munoz, Rigo Moreno, Luis Hernandez

CW-1 - John Dennis, III, Andrew Barger, Aaron Bennett, Shawn Vance

MONTHLY RESIGN

For those who would like to e-mail your monthly resign, the e-mail address to do that is:
ibew20@sbcglobal.net.

This e-mail address is used strictly for monthly resign only.

**NORTH TEXAS ELECTRICAL
JOINT APPRENTICESHIP and TRAINING CENTER
(972) 266-8383**

Correction from the November, 2007 newsletter.

In the November, 2007 newsletter, reported incorrectly was the web site to the North Texas Electrical JATC.

The correct web site is: www.ntejatc.org



RETIRED MEMBERS OF DALLAS AND FORT WORTH

DALLAS RETIRED MEMBERS—The Dallas Retired Members **will continue** to meet at the Dallas Local Union Hall 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. All you need to do is bring a covered dish.

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) 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.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Samuel Alvarez, Jr. and Jessica on the birth of their son, Samuel Alvarez, III. Baby Samuel came into this world on December 12, 2007. Proud Uncle is Conrado Alvarez.

SICK AND INJURED

As of this writing, there have been no requests to add anyone to this list. If you, or someone you know is sick or injured, and would like to be mentioned on the sick and injured list, please call the Local Union Business Office.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those members who have recently passed away.

#307-	Carl L. Johns	Passed away 12/18/2007	He was a member 58 years
#308-	Robert E. Brown	Passed away 12/26/2007	He was a member 68 years
#309-	James Tyson	Passed away 1/3/2008	He was a member 58 years
#310-	George P. Anderson	Passed away 11/29/2007	He was a member 54 years
#311-	Harry F. Houck	Passed away 01/18/2008	He was a member 40 years

Also, we need to remember those members who have recently lost a loved one.

Carl Van Valkenberg lost his brother.

Randy Norris lost his father, E. John Norris, on 12/28/2007.

Randall Bentley lost his step-father, Roger Calhoun.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

We urge all members to attend the monthly Union Meetings, held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Apprenticeship School, 680 W. Tarrant Rd., in Grand Prairie.

REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to those who have recently moved, or are planning on moving to please keep your mailing address and phone number updated with the Local Union Business Office. If you are not receiving your newsletters or other mailings from our office, you need to contact us and make sure we have your correct information on file.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- IBEW LU #20 - (817) 695-1111
- IBEW LU #20 FCU—(214) 363-9223
- IBEW LU#116 FCU—(817) 335-3658
- IBEW-NECA Southwestern Health & Benefit Fund—(214) 980-1123 or toll free 1-800-527-0320
- LINECO Insurance—1-800-323-7268
- Delta Dental—1-800-336-8264
- Apprenticeship School—(972) 266-8383
- Annuity Fund—(972) 943-9559 or toll free 1-800-535-1624