

HENRY F. WITHEY - ARCHITECT

15016 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, Calif.

March 25, 1950

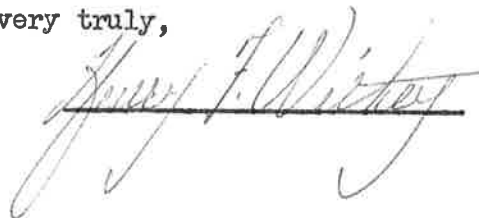
Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
The Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, (6), D.C.

Gentlemen:

I gives me much pleasure to endorse the nomination of A. S. Nibecker, Jr., of Los Angeles, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Nibecker has been a member of our Southern California Chapter since 1923, and has contributed much toward the advancement of our profession, particularly in the field of School Architecture. He enjoys an excellent reputation, and is worthy of being elected a Fellow of the Institute.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry F. Withey", written over a horizontal line.

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WILLIAM MELLEMA, A.I.A.
ARCHITECT & STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

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January 10, 1950

Jury of Fellows of the
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C. (6)

Gentlemen:

We heartily endorse the nominations for Advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, made by the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter, of the following:

For outstanding achievement in the Profession
of Architecture and for service to the Public
and the Institute:

Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr.

For outstanding achievement in the Profession
of Architecture and for service to the Institute:

Mr. Albert C. Martin, Sr.

To cite Mr. Martin for "science in construction" appears to us to be a left-handed compliment. It seems to us equivalent to saying, "Mr. Martin, you are a damn fine contractor." We think Mr. Martin is worthy of, and should be cited for, outstanding achievement in the Profession of Architecture and for service to the Institute.

Yours very truly,



William Mellema, A.I.A.



Robert H. Thomas, A.I.A.

WM: pm

ARTHUR E. HARVEY A.I.A.

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ARCHITECT

December 28, 1949

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C., 6

Gentlemen:

Regarding the nomination of A. S. Nibecker to fellowship in the A.I.A. I am especially gratified to state that, in my experience and to my knowledge, Mr. Nibecker has performed services for the profession and Architects of Southern California to an extent that more than justifies his nomination for fellowship.

It was through Mr. Nibecker's efforts that the Architect's fees were raised to eight per cent for school work, together with the additional fees for structural engineering.

He introduced a high degree of business and professional efficiency into the department, which he heads in the city of Los Angeles.

In the field of accomplishment for the profession, his qualifications are outstanding in Southern California.

Yours very truly,

By 
A. E. Harvey

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BURNETT C. TURNER, A.I.A.

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December 27, 1949

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to request your favorable consideration of the nomination of A. S. Nibecker, Jr., for fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Nibecker, as Architect and Business Manager of the Los Angeles City School District, has done much to improve Los Angeles school facilities, and in so doing has justly earned a reputation for integrity and fair dealing with architect and builder alike.

In his continued emphasis on the importance of architecture, as we know it, in the development of the expanding school system of the community, I believe he is well serving the public and the Institute as well.

Respectfully,



Burnett C. Turner

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Office of

RAPHAEL A. NICOLAIS

A. I. A., ARCHITECT

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Architect & Industrial Designer

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JURY of FELLOWS,
Amer. Inst. of Archts.,
1741 New York ave.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear fellow members:

The Executive Committee, So. Calif. Chapter A.I.A.
is submitting for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute three of
our members.- Archts. Albert C. Martin, Sr.,- Charles O. Matcham and
A. S. Nibecker, Jr.

In favoring the first and second candidate for
meritorious services rendered I fail to agree with the committee in
advancing archt. A. S. Nibecker, Jr. , who is now holding the dual
office of Bus. Manager and School archt. for the Los Angeles Board of
Education.---- These combined public offices have transformed the
Architect into a "Fuerer", unbecoming to a public servant and thus
forfeiting the distinction of Fellowship in the Institute.

Very gratefully yours,


Raphael A. Nicolais., A.I.A.

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MARSH, SMITH & POWELL
Architects and Engineers

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David D. Smith
Herbert J. Powell
Howard H. Morgridge

December 21, 1949

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I wish to recommend a very fine gentleman to your Board for consideration as a Fellow -- Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr.

Mr. Nibecker occupies a unique position in Los Angeles and has done tremendous good to the architectural profession as Business Manager and Architect for the Los Angeles School District.

Under his enlightened administration of this office, a multi million dollar program has been designed by private architects in the main, with a minimum of bureau development in the school board office. The results have been some rather outstanding buildings for the Los Angeles School District, with a wide variety of solutions.

Mr. Nibecker is one of the very highly regarded men in this community in public life and a Fellowship conferred on him would not only honor him but would also to some degree honor the Institute.

Very truly yours,


Herbert J. Powell, F.A.I.A.

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SAMUEL E. LUNDEN
ARCHITECT
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

SAMUEL E. LUNDEN, F. A. I. A.
ROGER HAYWARD, A. I. A.
BEN H. O'CONNOR, A. I. A.

458 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA
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December 16, 1949

Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Notice has been received that the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter has nominated Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr. for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute. I have known Mr. Nibecker for the past twenty years and I am familiar with his service as a public official not only to the citizens of this community as a whole, but also to the architects in this area.

Mr. Nibecker first served as Architect to the Los Angeles City School Board and made it possible for the architectural profession to participate in a broad scale in the planning of the public schools of this city. He was later made Business Manager for the School Board and continued to serve as Architect. Since the war, he has established policies which gave the younger architects an opportunity to participate in the school program. This, no doubt, has contributed to the high standard of design which the new school program reflects, one of which was cited for award in the First Institute Honor Award Program.

Mr. Nibecker is highly respected among the Architects and citizens alike, and it is a pleasure to recommend him for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,



SAMUEL E. LUNDEN, F.A.I.A.

SEL/etc

C O P Y

WM. GLENN BALCH Architect & LOUIS L. BRYAN
2933 Rowena Avenue - Los Angeles 39, California

December 19, 1949

Southern California Chapter
The American Institute of Architects
3757 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 5, California

Gentlemen:

In response to communication of December 14 relative to the nomination for advancement to Fellowship of Albert C. Martin, Sr., Charles O. Matcham, and A. S. Nibecker, Jr., this letter is to serve as support in favor of the advancement to Fellowship of the above mentioned individuals.

I feel sure that they all deserve this honor and I concur in the move to confer this award.

Yours very truly,

WM. GLENN BALCH, Architect
and
LOUIS L. BRYAN

By (s) WM. GLENN BALCH

WGB:n

C O P Y

HERMAN CHARLES LIGHT, A.I.A.
Architect

7551 Melrose Avenue
Los Angeles 46, California

December 19, 1949

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Att: Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

May I add my endorsement to the recommendation of the Southern California chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the advancement to fellowship of Messrs. Albert G. Martin, Sr., Charles Matcham, and A. S. Niebecker, Jr.

The writer has known Messrs. Martin and Matcham for some 15 years as personal friends, architects of the highest ability and integrity, and as former employers, I cannot think of any architects in the entire profession more deserving of this advancement than these gentlemen.

Mr. Niebecker's work in the advancement of public schools in the city of Los Angeles is a matter of public record and needs no further comment.

May I again concur with the recommendation of the executive committee of our local chapter for advancing these three particularly fine gentlemen and professional practitioners.

Respectfully yours,

(S) HERMAN CHARLES LIGHT

Herman Charles Light

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C O P Y

WINSTON CORDES, A. I. A. ARCHITECT

434 Tenth Street, Santa Monica, California

December 21, 1949

American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C. (6)

ATTENTION: JURY OF FELLOWS

RE: ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP,
ALBERT C. MARTIN, SR.
CHARLES O. MATCHAM
A. S. NIBECKER, JR.

Gentlemen:

It is an honor and privilege to have this opportunity to say a word in support of the nomination for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects of three members of the Southern California Chapter, Albert C. Martin, Sr., Charles O. Matcham, and A. S. Nibecker, Jr.

It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Martin in his office for seven years, and I cannot express too strongly, in my opinion, and I am certain in the opinion of all other interested parties, that his many professional achievements in the last forty years of architectural practice, have contributed greatly to the advance in construction, and in service to the Institute.

This occasion presents an additional privilege to express the high esteem in which the qualifications and services of Mr. Matcham and Mr. Nibecker, along with those of Mr. Martin are considered by all local members of the profession. These nominees for Fellowship, I am sure, deserve the unqualified endorsement of everyone interested in the furthering of the science of construction, and in extending well deserved recognition to three distinguished architects.

Very truly yours,

(A) WINSTON A. CORDES

Winston A. Cordes

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DAVID C. ALLISON
ARCHITECT
650 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE
LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA

November 2,
1949

Jury of Fellows,
Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the name of A. S. Nibecker, Jr. of Los Angeles is before your committee for consideration in the matter of advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Nibecker practiced his profession successfully in Los Angeles for many years before his acceptance of the position of chief architect with the Los Angeles City Board of Education in its continuous, growing building program. During the many years he served in this capacity he has been a bulwark to our profession in the matter of securing for the architects a proper compensation for and equal distribution of the work of the city schools and has in addition served the city superbly as an administrator.

He has through the years maintained an active interest in Chapter and civic affairs. I recommend him to your serious consideration in the belief that he has well earned advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,


David C. Allison

DCA.P.

RISLEY AND GOULD
Architects
2502 WEST THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES 5

October 18, 1949

Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Having known Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr., personally for 25 years, it gives me more than usual pleasure to recommend him for advancement to a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

I first became acquainted with him when he served as Secretary to the local Chapter. During all these years I have observed with satisfaction his high standard of ethics, honesty and fairness in his dealings with not only his fellow architects, but with all men. As architect for the Los Angeles Board of Education his conduct in office has been a model of excellency.

He has made a great contribution to the profession in seeing that local architects were employed for local school buildings and at an increase in fees over what was formerly paid. His influence for securing a proper fee for schools for architects has been felt in many communities in Southern California.

I should be very happy to see Mr. Nibecker honored by being made a Fellow in the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,


W. L. Risley

WLR.g

EARL HEITSCHMIDT AND CHARLES O. MATCHAM — ARCHITECTS

WALTER E. SAXTON, DONALD J. LEWIS, WHITING S. THOMPSON, WALTER N. MONTGOMERY, ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS

449 SOUTH BEAUDRY AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

October 21, 1949


Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have recently learned that Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr. has been nominated for Fellowship by the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Nibecker for many years. I have known of his career as a Los Angeles City School Architect and later as architect and business manager for the Los Angeles City Schools. In his position as architect and business manager he has consistently worked for the welfare of the architect in private practice and has been most generous in his dealings with them as well as in the contracts he has awarded.

Mr. Nibecker is a man of unquestioned integrity and ability and to my way of thinking he is worthy of a Fellowship.

Yours very truly,


Earl T. Heitschmidt, F.A.I.A.

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RALPH C. FLEWELLING and WALTER L. MOODY
ARCHITECTS

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October 26, 1949 OCT 31 PM 3:01

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Attention: John W. Root, Chairman

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. A. C. Nibecker, a member of the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, has been recommended for advancement to Fellowship.

May I add my endorsement to that of many others who undoubtedly feel as I do about Mr. Nibecker's work with the Los Angeles Board of Education. For many years he has held a position of responsibility and trust and has advanced the interests of the profession as a whole by his sound program and the public relations job that he has done for the architects with the elected public officials.

Yours very truly,



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WILLIAM H. GODWIN
BURWELL F. HAMRICK
ASSOCIATES

October 21, 1949.

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that Mr. A.S. Nibecker, Jr. has been proposed for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have for twenty-five years had the opportunity to closely observe Mr. Nibecker's activities in the fields of architecture, education and service to the Institute. I know that he has done a tremendous amount to further the interests of the architectural profession and to promote an understanding and appreciation of the architect by public bodies. The fact that architects in our area have for many years enjoyed the benefits of favorable contractual relations and adequate fees for public work has been due almost entirely to Mr. Nibecker's unselfish and untiring activities.

I believe him to be well qualified for advancement to Fellowship and I sincerely hope that the recommendation of the Chapter will be favorably acted upon.

Sincerely,



H. ROY KELLEY.

3305 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5, California Federal 3939

October 24, 1949

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
The octagon
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It has been my pleasure and good fortune to know Mr. Al Nibecker (A.S. Jr.) some thirty years. I have known him as a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as a practicing architect, and as architect and business manager for the Los Angeles School Board.

He was a brilliant student, an able architect, but in the capacity of architect and business manager for the Los Angeles School Board he has, perhaps, made his greatest contribution to the profession. Being in charge of a government office, which might develop all the evils of a bureaucracy, he has on the contrary demonstrated that government and private enterprise can cooperate for public welfare. Further, he has established customs and practices comparable with the highest ethical standing of our profession. In my opinion, his influence for the betterment of public relations and standards of ethics has been most outstanding.

Yours very truly,



SUMNER SPAULDING

SS:R

ROLAND E. COATE
ARCHITECT
161 EAST CALIFORNIA STREET
PASADENA 1, CALIFORNIA

October 19, 1949

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to be able to recommend for Fellowship Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr.

I have known Mr. Nibecker many years and though my association in a professional way has been intermittent, I feel confident in stating that he has rendered services of inestimable value to the Institute through his administration of millions of dollars of public work as the architect for the Los Angeles Board of Education.

He is held in highest esteem by all members of the Institute with whom he has worked and over a period of years they number almost the entire personnel of our local chapters.

Therefore it gives me pleasure to be able to recommend Mr. Nibecker be honored by a Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely,



REC:c

PIERPONT DAVIS
ARCHITECT
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
3215 WEST 6TH STREET

October 19, 1949.

Jury of Fellows,
The Octagon,
1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to recommend Mr. A. S. Nibecker, Jr., for advancement to a Fellow in the American Institute, not only because of his personal integrity and honesty in public life, but also for his signal service to the profession of architecture.

Through his many years of service as Architect for the Los Angeles Board of Education, he has steadfastly adhered to a policy of giving work to local architects and has succeeded in doubling the fees paid before he took office. In many parts of Southern California his influence has been felt in securing work for architects at the highest fee. As an administrator of public funds his office has been conducted with dignity, honesty and fair play to all.

It would give me much pleasure to see Mr. Nibecker honored by Fellowship in the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,



AUSTIN FIELD & FRY
Architects ★

JOHN C. AUSTIN, F. A. I. A.
ROBERT FIELD, JR., A. I. A.
CHARLES E. FRY, A. I. A.

October 20, 1949

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
Octagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:


When considering the elevation of members to Fellowship, I should like you to take into consideration the elevation of Mr. A. S. Nibecker for the reasons below stated.

Mr. Nibecker practiced his profession in the city of Los Angeles for a number of years and did some very outstanding work. During 1925, the Los Angeles Board of Education dispensed with the services of a man who had for his objective the building up of an architectural department as part of the Board of Education organization, thus preventing the architects in private practice from participating in the design of the large school program which was then contemplated. His services not being satisfactory, the Board of Education asked the local Chapter for suggestions, and Mr. Nibecker was recommended because it was known, and is still recognized that the interests of the architectural profession and of the School Board were identical, one with the other.

From the time that Mr. Nibecker became a part of the school system, he has succeeded in having practically all of the design and supervision of schools being placed in the hands of the architects in private practice. He is not only known at the Board as the Architect of the department, but as the General Manager of it.

Mr. Nibecker has been a member of the A.I.A. for many years, and I feel that the time is now ripe when a fellowship could be tendered to him with great propriety.

Sincerely yours,


John C. Austin

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