

Dated August 31, 1948.  
Received October 15, 1948.  
Granted December 17, 1948

MEMBERSHIP NO 6490



*In due order  
December 8, 1948  
JH Harris*

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant *W. Francis Parsons* ..... Chapter *Southern California*
- B Address of applicant *111. Morgan Building, Bakersfield, California* .....
- C Applicant proposed by *Winsow Soule, F. .... and Ernest L. McCoy* .....
- D Application received with check for \$ *10.00* ..... on ..... *October 15, 1948* .
- E Application returned for correction *Wrote Santa Barbara re: Asso. dues* Oct. 20, 1948 .
- F Application in due order on *..... Owes no. past dues* ..... *December 8, 1948* .  
*Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Cal.) Oct. 19, 1948. Received. October 25, 1948*
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on *..... November 20, 1948* on *October 20, 1948*
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on *..... 19....*, on *19 .*
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on *.....* *October 20, 1948*
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~for that application be denied~~ received on *.....* *October 25, 1948*.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on *.....* *19 .*
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on *.....* *December 8, 1948*
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on *.....* *December 8, 1948*.
- M Applicant was admitted on *.....* *December 17, 1948*
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on *.....* *December 17, 1948*
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ *.....*  
returned to applicant on *.....* *19 .*

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

*W. Francis Parsons*

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the *Southern California* Chapter.

Date *December 17, 1948*

*Paul Lee Ditch*  
Secretary

(a)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail the original and check for \$10.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

File this duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

## The American Institute of Architects

## APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is W. Francis Parsons

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

2. I am a Natural citizen of the United States of America

3. My legal residence is in the City of Bakersfield

County of Kern State of California

4. State whether residence or office address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be

Number 3030 Inyo Street (Residence)  
111 Morgan Building (Office)  
City Bakersfield Zone State California

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher or a public official, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing Architect

6. I desire to be a member of the Southern California Chapter.

7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute.

8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.

9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Is Architecture your principal vocation? Yes

If you are practicing any other vocation kindly indicate the nature of the work.

Date August 31 1948

*W. Francis Parsons*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Feb. 6, 1903 Place of birth Andale, Kansas

11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

California

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

California

(c) I hold Certificate No. .... of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination. None

EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Fillmore High	Fillmore	4	1921	
Univ. of Calif. at Los Angeles	Los Angeles	2	1921-1923	-
Univ. of So. Calif.	Los Angeles	2	1925	B.S.

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

Central America, Italy, Sicily, North Africa, Spain, France

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

	From	To	
(a) Hunt & Burns, Arch. Los Angeles, California (and John Byers, Los Angeles)	1925	1926	(Draftsman)
(b) S. Charles Lee, Los Angeles	1926	1928	(Draftsman)
(c) Soule & Murphy, Santa Barbara	1926	1928	(Draftsman)
(d) E. Keith Lockard Santa Barbara, California	1928	1929	(Draftsman)
(e) Louis N. Crawford Santa Maria, California	1929	1938	(Architect)
(f) County of Kern, Bakersfield	1938	1946	(Architect)
(g) Wright, Metcalf & Parsons Bakersfield, California	1946	Present date	(Architect)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Louis N. Crawford	<i>From</i> 1932	<i>To</i> 1938
County of Kern Building Dept.	1938	1946
Wright, Metcalf & Parsons	1946	To date

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

None

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Associate of Santa Barbara Chapter from 1932 to 1935
- 19. Junior Associate of Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Student Associate of Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. Member of State Organization in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 20 years.

I have known the applicant for 10 years.

Signed Winston Saule  
*Proposer* F.A.I.A.

Signed Ernest L. McCoy  
*Proposer*

116 Basal Sole St  
*Address*  
Santa Barbara  
Cal.

135 Kay Bldg 1612-19th St  
*Address*  
Bakersfield, Calif.

Winston Saule <sup>3</sup> J.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

W. Francis Parsons, Bakersfield, Calif.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date October 19, 1948

*[Signature]*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? YES or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Written and oral examination
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 32 hours; Oral examination one hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?  
..... If so, give Certificate No. ....
6. Date of ~~his~~ registration April 12 19 32 Registration No. C-87 Is it current? Yes  
first

*[Signature]*  
Executive (Secretary of Board)

Date Oct. 22 1948

California State Board of Architectural Examiners  
(Name of Board)

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 20, 1948

Dear Mr. Hoyt:

We are in receipt of the application of Mr. W. Francis Parsons for corporate membership in The Institute and its Southern California Chapter.

Mr. Parsons states that he had been an associate of the Santa Barbara Chapter from 1932 to 1935. We shall appreciate it if you will advise us if there are any outstanding dues owed by Mr. Parsons. Under established procedure, if there is any such indebtedness, it should be settled before the application may be given consideration. Mr. Parsons' address is 111 Morgan Building, Bakersfield, California.

We shall appreciate it if you will let us know Mr. Parsons' status as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Robert Ingle Hoyt, Secretary  
Santa Barbara Chapter, A.I.A.  
1001 Mesa Lane  
Santa Barbara, California

K/k

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

WRIGHT, METCALF & PARSONS  
ARCHITECTS

111 MORGAN BUILDING  
TELEPHONE

BAKERSFIELD  
2-3290

DEC -9 AM 9:32

WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. WARREN WRIGHT  
ARTHUR C. METCALF  
W. FRANCIS PARSONS

December 7, 1948

Mr. Clair W. Ditchy, Secretary  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ditchy:

Your letter to me of October 15, 1948 stating that my application of August 31, 1948 for membership was in order and that I would be notified of the Board's action, was received.

Since considerable time has elapsed and my two partners, who applied at the same time, have received favorable replies to their applications some time ago, I wonder if there is some information or data that you still require. If so, I would be only too happy to supply it.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT, METCALF AND PARSONS  
ARCHITECTS

By W. Francis Parsons  
W. Francis Parsons

WFP:jh

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ALBERT C. MARTIN, JR., *Vice-President*  
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GEORGE E. GABLE, *Treasurer*



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
DIRECTORS  
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ADRIAN WILSON, *Two years*  
WALTER R. HAGEDORN, *Three years*

MAILED DEC 10 AM 9:11

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
SUITE 212, 3757 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES 5  
FITZROY 2393

December 7th, 1948

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C. -6-

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Will you kindly check and let me know, by Return Air Mail, if application for W. Francis Parsons of Bakersfield has been approved.

We have received approval of all other applications sent at the same time as Mr. Parsons. They were all mailed to you on October 20th.

We will appreciate hearing from you on this application.

Sincerely,

*Arthur E. Miller*  
Executive Secretary.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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December 9, 1948

Dear Miss Miller:

Responding to your letter of December 7th with regard to the application of Mr. W. Francis Parsons of Bakersfield, California, for corporate membership in The Institute and the Southern California Chapter, we find the following:

On his application, Mr. Parsons indicated that he had been an associate member of the Santa Barbara Chapter from 1932 and until 1935. As you know, an applicant for corporate membership must not be indebted in any way to The Institute or to any of its component organizations. Therefore, it was necessary to check on Mr. Parsons' standing at the time his associateship in the Santa Barbara Chapter expired.

We wrote to the Secretary of the Santa Barbara Chapter in this respect on October 20th, and it was not until yesterday, December 8th, that we received a response from him as follows;

"The Chapter Treasurer and I have checked old records and find no indication that Mr. W. Francis Parsons has any obligations toward the Chapter.

"I regret that possible oversight of this matter when I wrote you may have delayed his application for Institute membership."

Fortunately, this letter arrived on the morning of the day The Board of Examiners was holding its monthly meeting, and the application was ready for submission thereto. It has been approved by The Board of Examiners and is being forwarded to The Secretary of The Institute, today, for his final action on behalf of The Board of Directors.

If The Secretary approves the application, his election will become effective as of December 17, 1948, and notices on that date will be mailed.

As we have received an inquiry from Mr. Parsons also in today's mail, we are forwarding to him a copy of this letter in explanation.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Rita E. Miller, Executive Secretary  
Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.  
3757 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles 5, California

Executive Director

K/g  
Copy to Mr. Parsons

**OFFICERS**  
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RALPH ARMITAGE, VICE-PRESIDENT  
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## SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT 116 E. SOLA STREET SANTA BARBARA  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY LA ARCADE BLDG. SANTA BARBARA

Dec. 1. 1948

Mr. Edward C. Kemper  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Ave. N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper;

The Chapter Treasurer and I have checked old records and find no indication that Mr. W. Francis Parsons has any obligation toward the Chapter.

I regret that possible oversight of this matter when I wrote you may have delayed his application for Institute membership.

Sincerely,

Robert I. Hoyt, Secretary

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

December 17, 1948

Dear Mr. Parsons:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Southern California Chapter, effective December 17, 1948. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. W. Francis Parsons, A.I.A.  
3030 Inyo Street  
Bakersfield, California

CWD/kk  
Enclosures

cc to: Proposers - Mr. Winsow Soule, F.A.I.A.  
Mr. Ernest L. McCoy, A.I.A.



W. FRANCIS PARSONS  
ARCHITECT A. I. A.  
1117 PRINCETON AVENUE  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
93305

November 5, 1976

Bakersfield Section  
Southern California Chapter  
American Institute of Architects  
Bakersfield, California

Gentlemen:

I herewith apply for emeritus status of the  
American Institute of Architects.

I am seventy-three years of age and have been  
a member of the American Institute of Architects  
for more than thirty years.

Yours respectfully,

  
W. Francis Parsons



BAKERSFIELD SECTION

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER / THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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November 13, 1976

American Institute of Architects  
Southern California Chapter  
c/o Miss Helen Fluhrer  
304 South Broadway  
Bradbury Building, Suite 510  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Miss Fluhrer:

Enclosed is the letter from Mr. Francis Parsons, A.I.A. which is self-explanatory. This matter was brought before the Board of Directors of the Bakersfield Section of the Southern California Chapter American Institute of Architects and was unanimously approved. This matter will be brought to the membership at our next meeting, November 23, 1976. At which time I am confident it will be warmly accepted and approved.

It would be appreciated if you could submit this to your meeting on November 16 so that approval of his standing might be realized before the end of the year.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard J. Schroeder, A.I.A.  
Secretary - Bakersfield Section

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Encl.



# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reasons:

*Check the appropriate reason*

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 60 years of age, retired, and not engaged in architecture.
- I am unable to engage in architecture.

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Southern California Chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date November 16 1976

(see attached)

(Applicant's Full Signature In Ink)

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, the Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.

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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

December 1, 1976

Mr. W. Francis Parsons, AIA, Member Emeritus  
1117 Princeton Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Dear Mr. Parsons:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Southern California Chapter, AIA  
California Council, AIA



## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 9, 1977

### NOTICE OF TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the Bylaws of the Institute, this will advise that the following corporate members have been transferred from the Southern California Chapter to the Golden Empire Chapter, AIA, as charter members, effective March 31, 1977:

C. Barton Alford  
Whitney Biggar  
Nash Brown, Jr.  
Wilson Call  
David Carnal  
Robert Clement  
David G. Cross  
Laurens A. Denison  
David M. Doll  
Douglas G. Eddy  
Robert N. Eddy  
Carl Elliott  
Mark Engelen  
C. Robert Frapwell  
Donald Gaines  
Frank Ghezzi  
Cliff Harding

C. Derek Holdsworth  
Joseph Licastro  
Ernest McCoy  
Arthur Metcalf  
John Mueller  
W. Francis Parsons  
William Paynter  
Warren Pechin  
Donald Renfro  
Leonard Schroeder  
Kenneth Sorenson  
Marvin Spear  
Robert Stuhr  
William J. Thomas  
William Tuculett  
J. Warren Wright

Robert M. Lawrence, FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Office Manager, Southern California Chapter, AIA  
Secretary, Golden Empire Chapter, AIA



Gentlemen -  
I am returning dues  
invoice for W. Francis Parsons.  
For your information, my husband  
passed away March 21, 1981.

(Mrs. W.F.) Laura Parsons

1117 Princeton Ave.

Bakersfield, Ca. 93305

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February 11, 1982

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