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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP,  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

*Dec 18 1901*

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects:

Sir: I respectfully apply for Associate membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and agree, if elected, to honorably maintain and obey them.

My full name is *Irving Kane Pond*

My address is *1109 Steinway Hall, 21 E. Van Buren St Chicago*

I am employed by \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the firm of *Pond and Pond*

I began the study of architecture in the year *1879*

I began the independent practice of architecture in the year *1887*

Received,  
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The accompanying photographs show buildings or other work designed by me. (*Pond and Pond*)

No. 1 is *a series of photographic views in and about "Hull House"*  
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is *from the Junior Club in connection with "Hull House"*

No. 3 is *from the Residence of Judge Anthony at Southwell*

The accompanying drawings are *the scale drawings for the*  
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

*Copper House and Auditorium at Hull House and explain the work and methods.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Irving K. Pond*  
(Signature of applicant.)

We, the undersigned Fellows or Associates of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the above statement, and believe it to be accurate. We know Mr. *Irving K. Pond* personally, are familiar with his professional work and practice and desire his election as an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects.

(The signatures of three Institute Members are here required.)

*Charles S. Frost*  
*Wm Holabird*

We, the undersigned residents of *Chicago Ill* know Mr. *Irving K. Pond* personally, and believe him to be capable in his profession and honorable in all his dealings.

(Here the candidate may secure the signatures of residents in the city or town wherein he is at present practicing. The address of each indorser must follow his name.)

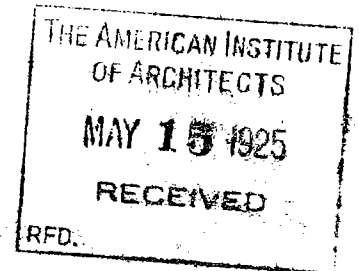
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May 13th, 1925



Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Exec. Sec'y,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Kemper:-

Answer me a question or two please!

Is there a sea wall extending around the entire periphery of Twining Lake except at the beaches on the south, or does the walk come down to the edge of the Lake in places? My recollection is that there is a sea wall around the Lake from the tidal gate on the west to that on the east.

Have you an extra copy of the program on which your photograph of the cherry blossoms with the Lincoln Monument in the distance is reproduced, and if so, can you spare me a copy? I want to save that view that you photographed in my working up of the scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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

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May 16, 1925

Dear Mr. Pond:-

Responding to your letter of the 13th - there is a sea wall around the entire body of Twining Lake (locally known as the Basin). The bathing beaches have been abandoned because of minor pollution, and lack of appropriation by Congress.

Herewith is a copy of the Convention Program containing the Lincoln Memorial view. This, I believe, was taken from a point near the tidal gates (and bridge), on the west or the Potomac River side of the Basin.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
1700 Tower Building,  
6 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 4693 May 18th, 1925 □

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Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
Exec. Sec'y, A.I.A.,  
The Octagon House,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Thank you very much for the program and your information which was received this morning.

On the east side of the basin there is a parapet wall. I was pretty certain that there was none showing in the photograph which you had in your office, and I see by this cut that the walk is under the trees on a level with the top of the sea wall.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

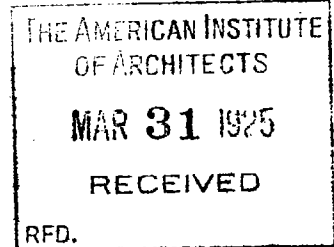
Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 4693 March 29th, 1926

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:-

Mr. Irving K. Pond will not return from Europe until about the middle of May, too late for the May 3rd meeting of the Jury of Fellows.

I am sending to him copy of memorandum from Kendall giving names of the New Jersey suggestions. I think it probable that he can take time to look over lists of names and write to you or Kendall his judgments thereon, and if you care to send other data to him for his judgment, his address will be c/o Raymond & Whitcomb Co., 20 Cockspur Street, London, S.W. England.

He will not sail for home until May 7th, unless there is some unexpected change in his program.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen B. Pond*

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

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April 1, 1926.

Dear Mr. Pond:-

We are advised by Mr. Allen B. Pond, in a letter of March 29, that you can be reached in London, so I am sending as of interest a copy of the notice to the entire membership concerning Fellowship selections and transmitting the complete list which came before the Jury.

The meeting of the Jury has been called for May 3, at the Octagon House and we will miss you at the meeting, and at the Convention, if you have not returned from abroad.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to the Jury of Fellows.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
% Raymond & Whitcomb Company,  
20 Cockspur Street,  
London, S. W., England.

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**Allen B. Pond, Chicago, Dead.**  
 CHICAGO, March 18 (AP).—Allen B. Pond, 70 years old, prominent architect, civic leader and one of the original trustees of Hull House, noted social center, died yesterday of pneumonia. Mr. Pond, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was a former faculty member of that institution.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 19, 1929

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To Irving K. Pond

Street and No. 180 North Michigan Avenue

Place Chicago, Ill.

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE AND ON

*OUR*  
~~THEIR~~ OWN BEHALF WE SEND TO YOU AND TO THE FAMILY OF ALLEN B. POND

EXPRESSIONS OF DEEPEST SYMPATHY STOP HIS PLACE IN THE ARCHITECTURAL  
 PROFESSION AND IN THE HEARTS OF HIS FRIENDS CANNOT BE FILLED

THE INSTITUTE STAFF AT THE OCTAGON

Charge to:

The American Institute of Architects  
 1741 New York Avenue

*Copy to: Mrs. Henderson*

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 4693 May 20th, 1930. □

E. A. Kemper, Executive Sec.,  
A.I.A.,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.



My dear Kemper:

The Western Architect is going to publish in full, possibly in two numbers, my recent essay entitled "Toward and American Architecture."

As you will probably have files of this paper in the Octagon Library, you will not need the manuscript, which you requested in your recent kind note, and therefore I am not sending it.

I regret that I am not going to be able to attend the convention\* this year, but two other important engagements, important to me at least, seem to interfere. I hope the convention will run off smoothly as I am sure it will, and sometimes has, without my guiding presence.

Very sincerely,

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\* The program is to hand this morning.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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May 29, 1930.

Dear Mr. Pond:

We appreciated your note of May 20th, and we missed your presence at the Convention. It seemed to be a good one, and to promise well for the future of the Institute.

Herewith are copies of the Board's report and the Treasurer's report, which might be of interest.

In due course you will find reviews of the Convention in The Octagon, and later on in the Proceedings, which will reach you in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
1414 Lake Michigan Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

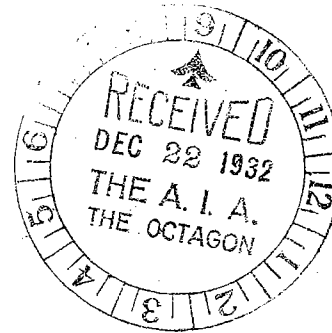
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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 0484 Dec. 20th, 1932. □



Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
 Executive Secretary A.I.A.,  
 The Octagon,  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Kemper:

I don't know as you are the right one to whom to address this piteous petition, but if you are not you will know to whom to pass it along.

Five years ago, according to then existing rules, having reached the advanced age of seventy, I would have been privileged to ask for remission of further dues and have my name continued on the active list. If that rule still holds, and I think it does, I wish you would apply it to me; for while I know that the Institute needs every cent it can get, yet I find myself in the same unholy predicament.

I am writing this now to forestall if possible the presentation of a bill for dues for this coming year.

Yours very truly,

*Irving K. Pond faia.*

*1932 dues paid*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*March 1933*

December 23, 1932.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Yours of December 20th is at hand, and I am absolutely sure that the Board at its very next meeting will place you on the retired list of the Institute, which removes the obligation of dues but does not disturb the full privileges of active membership.

There will be a meeting of the Board this spring - earlier than usual - on or about March 15th, and you will hear further after that date.

In the meantime, no statement for dues for 1933 will be sent.

We appreciate your writing in this matter and all of us here at The Octagon take this opportunity of sending sincere regards and best wishes for the coming year. It can't be worse than 1932, and it might be better.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F. A. I. A.,  
180 North Michigan Avenue at Lake Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Memorandum -

This case was presented to the Board of Directors at its March, 1933, meeting, but the Board refused to act on the retirement request.

President Russell said that he would get in touch with Mr. Pond and ask that he continue as an active member of the Institute.

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Mr. Kemper

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March 24th, 1933

1620 Chemical Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
180 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Pond:-

The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects held a meeting last week devoted principally to devising ways and means of carrying on the affairs of the Institute that are in bad shape financially due to the number of delinquents whose past dues amount to over \$40,000.00.

We took all the steps that were reasonably possible to relieve the situation. The Board asked me to write you to see if you would agree to withdraw for a year or two your request to be placed on the retired list. They realize, of course, the many valuable services you have contributed to the profession but thought that if the financial condition were brought to your attention that you, as a Past President of the Institute, might willingly defer your request.

Your financial status is probably similar to that of the majority of your fellow architects, but if you could help out to this extent, it would be greatly appreciated.

With the best of wishes, I remain,

Cordially,

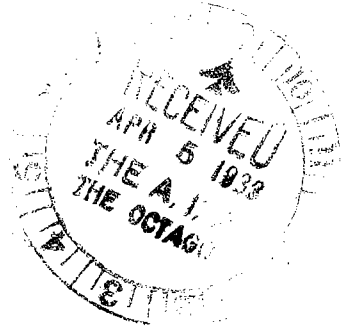
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April 3rd, 1933.



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Mr. E. J. Russell, President,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your note of March 24th in response to mine asking to be placed upon the retired list duly to hand, and as the business letter writer would say: "Contents noted."

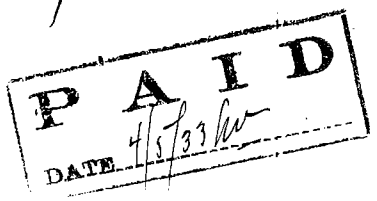
I hope the Board noticed that I had let five years lapse, promptly paying dues the meanwhile, before making an application. I hope, too, that the Board agrees with me that this, under the circumstances, was fairly generous, even of a past president who should not be penalized for holding an office he did not seek, but which none the less he gladly accepted.

It complicates matters to withdraw an application so we will let mine stand, as thus, I am placed automatically on the retired list. But I wish not to shirk and am sending to the Executive Secretary twenty-five dollars (a year's dues) hoping that even so slight a sum will be of assistance in balancing the Institute's present budget. Nobody knows what next year will bring forth and that must be left to take care of itself.

I am not altogether unselfish in this gift for I want the Secretary, in return, to send me the printed report of the committee on The Allied Arts of the Convention of 1908 (the 42nd) or the "proceedings" in which it was printed, and also the proceedings of the 1909 (the 43rd) and the December, 1911 (the 45th) Conventions. These the Institute undoubtedly has in its files. I will gladly pay postage.

Yours very truly,

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*No further action*  
*necessary until*  
*he requests it.*

April 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Pond:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of April 3d to President Russell.

It has been sent on to him.

We also have the copy for this office and your check for dues for the current year.

We are making a note of this matter, for attention at the Executive Committee meeting in November, and I am sure the desired action will be taken with respect to retirement.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F. A. I. A.,  
180 North Michigan Avenue at Lake Street,  
Chicago, Illinois,

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Mr. Kemper

April 14, 1933

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Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
180 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Pond:-

Kemper forwarded your letter of the 3rd inst. and I am assuming that he is sending you the back numbers of the Proceedings that you ask for.

Your forbearance in asking for retirement the minute you became seventy and your generosity in sending a check for your dues is appreciated, and on behalf of the Institute I thank you.

A formal statement in regard to your retirement will be sent on after the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

If it is true that a man is as old as he feels you really have no business thinking of retiring for another twenty or twenty-five years, but regardless of this I indulge in the kindest or personal regards.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the initials "EJR".

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April 22, 1933.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter of April 3d to Mr. Russell:

We are pleased to send herewith, complimentary, the Proceedings for the following Conventions: 1908, 1909 and 1911.

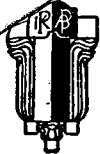
The report you want, by the Committee on Allied Arts, is in the volume for 1908.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F. A. I. A.,  
180 North Michigan Avenue at Lake Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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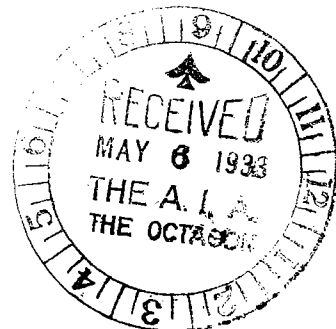
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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 0484

May 4th, 1933.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:

I thank you very sincerely for sending me the desired numbers of the proceedings of the Institute. May I impose upon your good nature, for the last time let us hope.

In getting these copies it has been my intention to bind the essays and committee reports presented by me before the Conventions, together with my presidential and presentation addresses, in one single volume. I find that there is one item, and I think only one, missing and that is my very first essay on "Government Work by Competition" which was presented, I think, in 1906. If not then, in 1907. Will you kindly have one of your assistants look this up and if you have extra copies of the proceedings to spare, send me one in which this essay appears.

I shall be glad to reimburse the Institute for all expenses, including the mailing, not only of this but of the others forwarded, incurred in this collection for me.

My file of Convention Proceedings has been donated along with other magazines to the Burnham Library in the Art Institute where I cannot retrieve it and that is why I am appealing to you for these extra copies.

Sincerely,

*Irving K. Pond*

Octagon-Journal  
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IRVING K. POND CE. F.A.I.A. □

EDGAR MARTIN AIA. MAJ. SEC. CE

May 4th, 1933. □

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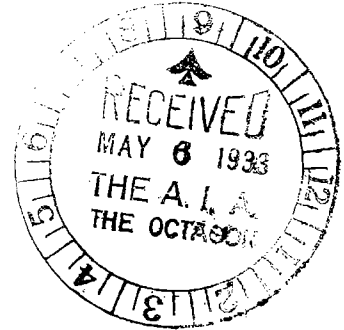
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Checked the Proceedings of 1906  
and 1907 page by page.

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1903-1914.

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Mr. Pond re: "Government Work by Competition".

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*Irving K. Pond*

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May 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Your letter of May 4th:

We have made examination of the Proceedings for 1906 and 1907, and cannot locate a report or essay by you on the subject of Government work by competition.

Will you not check the reference again, to be sure that the years 1906 or 1907 are involved?

If so, could the report have been made under some other title?

We would like to locate the desired document for you and will make a further attempt upon receiving your response.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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September 15, 1933

Dear Mr. Pond:

A moment was found in which to make a search for your paper on "Government Architecture, the Selection of Architects for the Work by Competition", presented to the Convention in 1905. We believe we have located the paper on page 81 of the Proceedings for 1904. Copy of the Proceedings for that year has been sent under separate cover.

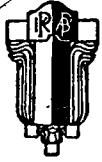
If it is what you need please keep it, with the compliments of the Institute; and if not, please return it and let us make further search.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
180 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 0484

Sept 18 1933 □

Dear Mr Kemper.

This is positively the last call! I received the Convention Proceedings with the paper on Competitors (the one wanted) this morning and was about to call the binder when I discovered that I submitted a special report to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Convention on the "Relations of Chapters to the Institute," (Tues Dec. 10, 1912) I should like to have this included in my volume if you can find it for me. I thank you most heartily for your kindness in furnishing me this material, and won't bother you again till my speech of two years ago is printed! I am enclosing a check for \$5.00 to pay postage etc. I could not repay you for the time and consideration you have lavished upon me.

Mr Edward Kemper

Sec. Sec. A.I.A. to Orlanum Washington D.C.

Sincerely

Irving K. Pond

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

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September 22, 1933.

Dear Mr. Pond:

This is a quick response to yours of September 18th.

I believe we have found the Proceedings - of 1912 - in which appears your report on the relations of the Chapters to the Institute.

It is sent herewith, and complimentary.

I am returning your check for \$5.00, because I think that the least the Institute can do for a distinguished Past President is to furnish him with any material which it has available, and as long as the permanent records are not depleted.

We would like very much to have for the Library of the Institute an autographed copy of your book when it is ready.

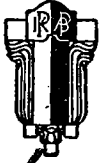
You may find that you need other documents or reports, so please do not hesitate to write again.

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TELEPHONE DEARBORN 0484 Sept. 29, 1933.

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Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Kemper:

I thank you most sincerely for the courtesies you have extended me, and that it all may not be entirely forgotten I have applied the five dollars, which you so graciously returned, on the binding of the book, which is to be rather attractive.

I hope I shall not have to bother you again in similar matters but, if I should, your kind offer to assist would make me less hesitant.

Sincerely yours,

*Irving K. Pond*



1-3-35

Mr. Kemper

Mr. Irving K. Pond sent check for \$25.00 for his 1934 dues. Of this amount \$15.00 was credited to dues for 1934 (he did not wish to take any credits that were due him) and \$10.00 was considered as a Gift to the Institute to meet current Institute expenses.

Attached is statement for \$15.00 for his 1935 dues.

*included for* ( In view of the attached note and the "explanation" on reverse of statement stating "---- and if this default is not cured on or before December 31, 1935, ipso facto, his membership will be subject to termination on that date", should not some note of transmittal accompany the bill?

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Pond

Mr. Irving K. Pond was credited for 1934 for the amount of \$15.00 was credited to you for 1934 and \$10.00 was credited to you for 1935 (that were due him) and \$10.00 was recorded as a gift to the Institute to meet current needs.

January 8, 1935.

Dear Mr. Pond:

We did not send to you a statement for Institute dues on January 1st, because in 1934 you made a remittance of \$25, of which \$15 was credited to dues for 1934 and \$10 recorded as a gift, as indicated by you.

We recall that you are eligible for retirement and that you may wish such retirement to become effective in 1935. We, therefore, send herewith the statement of January 1, which was held up to await the writing of this letter, and request that you disregard the explanation on the reverse of the statement, which we do not believe to apply in any sense to you.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

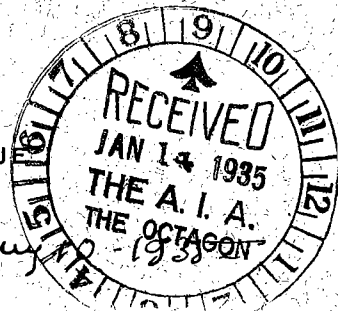
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Mr. Irving K. Pond, F. A. I. A.,  
180 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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*H. A. Jones*

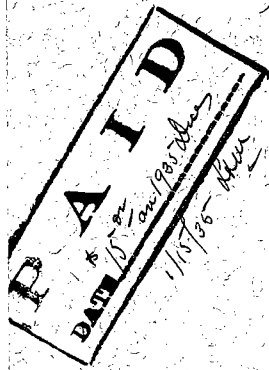
THE CLIFF DWELLERS  
220 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO



*Jan 14 1935*

My dear Kemper

Unless matters Architectural take a turn for the better during the year 1935 (which I in no wise expect) I shall wish to be placed <sup>definitely</sup> on the "retired" list at the end of this year. I was eligible for retirement in 1932 but continued to pay "dues" at the "earnest" solicitation of the then president. Of course, in the A. I. A. as in any other organization or Club providing for "retirement" the latter means only the remission of dues; the member retaining all the regular privileges and perquisites. I have never been willing to spruce upon



friends or comrades in a Club  
and in the case of the A.I.A. I  
was glad to contribute, as I knew  
the society was in straits financially.  
I have not regarded anything I  
have paid since 1932 as "dues" or  
anything I may continue to pay; for  
the officers had no option in the  
matter of granting retirement.

They did not seem to realize this.

I have a decided interest in the A.I.A.  
which I hope never to lose. —

Well! I expect this letter is long enough!  
Check is enclosed!

Sincerely  
and with my best regards

to Edward C. Kemper  
St. Joe A.I.A.  
The Octagon Washburn Bldg.

Frank Wood

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*March  
Exec Com*

January 23, 1935.

Dear Mr. Pond:

This is the first moment in which to acknowledge your personal note of January 10th, and to thank you for the check which accompanied it.

We will bring your letter to the attention of the Executive Committee at the March meeting - with respect to the gift, and with respect to some formal resolutions on retirement.

It begins to look as if the sky were a little brighter for the architectural profession, and we believe that better days are ahead for those of the profession who have survived. It has been a terrible experience.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK\*B

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F.A.I.A.,  
The Cliff Dwellers, 220 So. Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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

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April 11, 1935

Dear Mr. Pond:

At the March, 1935, meeting of the Executive Committee of The American Institute of Architects, it was directed that your name be placed on the retired list of the Institute, and that you be exempt from the payment of further Institute dues, effective December 31, 1935.

As you know, this action does not affect your relationship with the Chicago Chapter, to which you are assigned.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/g

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F.A.I.A.,  
220 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 14, 1935 - 4:30 P.M.

E. C. KEMPER  
THE OCTAGON  
1741 NEW YORK AVE.

MRS. IRVING K POND DIED NOVEMBER 13 SENDING NEWSPAPER  
CLIPPING BY AIR MAIL

CARL E. HEIMBRODT, SECRETARY, CHICAGO CHAPTER, A.I.A.

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NIGHT LETTER

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WASHINGTON, D. C. November 14, 1935 - 5:00 PM

IRVING K. POND  
14 West Elm Street,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

THE UNDERSIGNED AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE STAFF  
AT THE OCTAGON SEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN THIS HOUR.

EDWARD C. KEMPER

PAID- Charge a/c:

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

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aukegan to Chicago.  
**CH. TRIBUNE 4/13/35**  
**MRS. IRVING POND, ARCHITECT'S WIFE, DIES AT AGE OF 54**  
Mrs. Katharine de Nancrede Pond, 54 years old, wife of Irving K. Pond, well known architect, died yesterday in her home at 14 West Elm street, after an illness of several weeks. She was the daughter of the late Dr. Charles B. G. de Nancrede, chief surgeon and professor of surgery at the University of Michigan medical school, who served as chief surgeon of the 5th army corps in the Santiago campaign during the Spanish-American war. Surviving in addition to Mr. Pond are three sisters, Miss Edith de Nancrede of Hull house; Mrs. Charles Proctor of Hanover, N. H., and Mrs. John Paton of Regina, Sask. Mrs. Pond and the architect were married in 1929 when they both attended a reunion celebration at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Dr. John Somers, Retired Veterinarian, Dies at 79**  
Dr. John Somers, 79 years old,

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November 14th, 1935

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MEETINGS AT THE ARCHITECTS CLUB OF CHICAGO  
1801 PRAIRIE AVENUE ON THE SECOND TUESDAY  
OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST



Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
The Octagon,  
1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

Confirming my telegram of the 14th, I have attached clipping from the Chicago Tribune relative to the death of Mrs. Pond.

I do not have details at the present time of writing of the funeral services, but understand interment will be at the Graceland Cemetery.

Should you desire further details, I will be happy to supply them.

Very truly yours,

*Carl E. Heimbrodt*

Carl E. Heimbrodt, Secretary  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.

CEH:HP  
P. S. I have just received a telephone call from Mr. Pond's secretary, stating that Mrs. Pond will be buried at the Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill. on Friday, November 15th at 3:00 P.M.

*Mr. Ponds address is 14 West Elm St,  
Chicago, Ill.*

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November 16, 1935

Dear Mr. Heimbredt:

We received, with much regret, your telegram and letter of the 14th, concerning the death of Mrs. Pond.

We telegraphed to Mr. Pond, and also advised the President of the Institute, Mr. Voorhees, and the Secretary, Mr. Ingham. We feel sure that both of them sent messages of sympathy.

If there is any resolution or reference by the Chapter, we would like to have it for the record here at The Octagon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/G

Mr. Carl E. Heimbredt, Secretary,  
Chicago Chapter, A.I.A.,  
20 North Wacker Drive,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Gile

November 19, 1935.

Mr. Irving K. Pond,  
180 N. Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Pond:

Among my pleasant recollections of the Institute Convention last May is that of the presence of Mrs. Pond and her constant interest in the meetings.

In expressing my sincere regret at her passing on November thirteenth I am sure I am reflecting the sentiments of all members of the Institute whose privilege it was to know her.

With warmest sympathy in your bereavement, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. J. J.

Secretary.

CC- Mr. E. C. Kemper. ✓  
Mr. Carl E. Heimbrodt.

# American Institute of Architects

## Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

December 11, 1935

MR. KEMPER:

I am enclosing card in response to my long hand  
letter of condolence, of which I unfortunately kept no copy.  
If you do not desire this for the files, destroy.

S. F. VOORHEES



*Irving K. Pond acknowledges  
with gratitude the expressions of  
sympathy which have come to  
him upon the passing of his wife  
beautiful Katharine de Nancrede*

*over*

Dec 8 - 1935  
14 West Elm St Chicago

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Dear Voorhies:

I thank you for your kind note  
of sympathy. It should go out  
to those men of the Institute, indeed  
to the Institute itself which has  
lost a good friend, one who followed  
and loved its work: sincerely

Frank Lloyd

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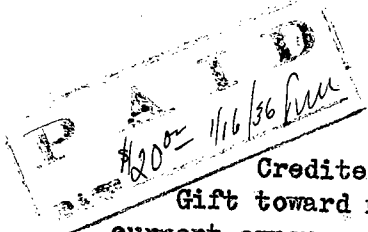
Charles T. Inghe  
Sec. A. I. A.  
The Octagon Washington D. C.



Dear Sir, Sec.

The Fellowship Card, for 1936, bearing my name was duly received. While I am listed as an "Emeritus", age and service are responsible for that and not decrepitude, let us hope, nor destitution. I am enclosing Chk. for \$20.00 so as to be in even terms with the others.

Irving K. Pond



Credited as  
Gift toward meeting  
current expenses of  
Institute.

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For Mr. Ingham

*File*

*[Handwritten initials]*

*Gift  
Mr. Pond*

January 16, 1936

Dear Mr. Pond:

This will acknowledge your letter to Secretary Ingham,  
and check for \$20.00 enclosed therewith.

As you are a Member Emeritus we cannot accept the check  
as dues but, subject to the approval of the officers, it has  
been accepted as a gift and will be so recorded.

Meanwhile, we are sending your letter, and copy of this  
reply, on to Mr. Ingham.

We all send best wishes to you, and look forward to see-  
ing you at the Convention in Williamsburg in May.

Sincerely yours,

K/G

Mr. Irving K. Pond, F.A.I.A.,  
14 West Elm Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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1-12-38

When Mr. Bergstrom was here at The Octagon last November, he said to send Mr. Pond a "Fellow" card.

LM

~~D R A F T~~

*Surpassed*  
*Sept 15*

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*This draft was handled*

August 16, 1937.

Dear Mr. Ingham:

You will recall that Mr. Irving K. Pond, Past President objected to the Membership Card which we sent to him at the beginning of the year.

The space on that card was filled in with the words "Member Emeritus."

Mr. Pond points out that he is not a member but a Fellow and suggests that this point be borne in mind when the next cards are issued.

You directed that the 1938 card for Mr. Pond be prepared to meet his point.

However, it occurs to me that all cards of this type should be uniform.

Would you approve filling in the blank space with the words "Fellow (Member Emeritus)" - for each of those entitled to receive such a designation?

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Haverhill, June 2 1937

Dear Friend Majumdar:

I started in good spirits from Chicago on Thursday last to attend the A.I.A. convention - stopping on the way to visit in-laws in Haverhill. With something eaten on the train became quite disagreeable to me and on Friday last I moved over to the Mary H. Hitchcock Memorial Hospital to be treated to. The Hospital has served me well, but I hardly believe that I shall be able to make Boston and the convention. You know that the

Institute and I are twins each having  
completed its eightieth year. I  
celebrated my anniversary with back  
somersault and by producing a  
unique book on the Art of Acrobatics  
called Big Top Rhythms which I  
had hoped to introduce to some of  
my friends at the convention. but  
it is not to be! My regards to Vorkies,  
and my very best wishes to you. As you  
know you were my choice two years ago  
and I am glad that the Institute has  
unanimously come around to my way of  
thinking. Good luck and I'll see you  
at the next convention!

Sincerely  
to Charles D. Maginnis  
pres to be of the Q.I.A.

James H. ...  
13<sup>th</sup> pres. of the Q.I.A.

Hanover, N. H.  
June 2, 1937

Dear Friend Maginnis:

I started in good spirits from Chicago on Thursday last to attend the A.I.A. Convention - stopping on the way to visit in-laws in Hanover, N.H. Something eaten on the train became quite disagreeable to me and on Monday last I moved over to the Mary H Hitchcock, Memorial Hospital to be tended to. The hospital has served me well but I hardly believe that I shall be able to make Boston and the Convention.

You know that the Institute and I are twins, each having completed its eightieth year, I celebrated my anniversary with a back somersault and by producing a unique book on the Art of Acrobatics called "Big Top Rhythms", which I have hoped to introduce to some of my friends at the convention - but is not to be!

My regards to Voorhees. Good luck and I'll see you at the next convention!

Sincerely,

(S) Irving K Pond

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*Mr. Maginnis*

*Typed for Mr. Maginnis  
before his knowledge  
of Mr. Paul's attendance*

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Inter-Office Communication

With profound sorrow the Board of Directors of the A.I.A. assembled in meeting ~~in~~ received the news of the passing of Irving K. Pond, past president of the Institute. ~~It had been a pleasant privilege~~ His presence at the 71st Convention, of the Institute, just concluded, afforded the members and guests ~~of~~ in attendance the opportunity to ~~qualify~~ ~~with me~~ ~~of the [unclear]~~ pay their respects to one who ~~has~~ had served the Institute for many years; whose wise counsel had guided it ~~along the [unclear]~~ leading to its present though years of development; whose ~~genuine~~ kindly interest ~~in~~ his had helped many an aspiring architect along the road to success. ~~tc etc~~

(Mention of officers filled in the last) -

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**TELEGRAM**

1741 NEW YORK AVENUE  
WASHINGTON D C

September 29, 1939

**MR. WALTER T. FISHER  
WINNETKA ILLINOIS**

**TELEPHONE WINNETKA 1261**

**WIRE JOSEPH GAWLERS SONS 1756 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NORTHWEST THE FOLLOWING**

**YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO HAVE CREMATED THE BODY OF IRVING K. POND**

**SIGNING TELEGRAM AS ATTORNEY AND EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE ALSO WIRE EMERGENCY**

**HOSPITAL PERMISSION FOR POST MORTEM TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE TEN SATURDAY**

**MORNING**

**JOHN FUGARD  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS**

ST. 301133

*Noted  
Album*

GTON POST: SAT

# Irving K. Pond, Grid Pioneer, Expires at 82

### Architect Made First Michigan Touchdown; Wrote Books on Circus

Irving K. Pond, Chicago architect and past president of the American Institute of Architects, died of a heart attack at Emergency Hospital yesterday. He was here attending a meeting of the institute.

As senior member of the firm of Pond & Pond, which he founded with his brother, the late Allen B. Pond, he designed such structures as the Chicago Federal Building, the University of Michigan League buildings at Ann Arbor, the Memorial Union Building, Lafayette, Ind., and the public hospital at St. Johns, New Brunswick.

Eighty-two years old at his death, Mr. Pond took great pride in athletic prowess. He was an ardent circus fan and an amateur acrobatic performer. At the age of 80, friends said, he could perform a double back somersault.

He attended the University of Michigan, where he played with the first Michigan football team and was the first player to score a touchdown for the Michigan team.

Mr. Pond was stricken Wednesday night after a reception at the Mayflower Hotel.

He was born at Ann Arbor, established residence at Chicago in 1879, then went abroad to continue his studies in architecture. He was president of the American Institute from 1910 to 1911.

A frequent contributor to architectural publications, Mr. Pond preferred writing about the circus and published a number of books about it. At one time he was vice president of the Circus Fans Association of America.

In 1911, he represented the United States at the International Congress of Architects at Rome and Venice. He was a member of the Institute of German Architects and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Services will be held at Gawler's funeral parlor, 1756 Pennsylvania avenue, at 3 p. m. today. Cremation will follow.



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

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October 5, 1939.

Dear Mr. Fugard:

Enclosed is an unaddressed letter from Sir Raymond Unwin, intended for Mr. Irving K. Pond's niece, whose name was or may still be Gale Pond.

Sir Raymond's letter to Secretary Ingham transmitting the letter to Miss Gale Pond, states that he remembers Miss Pond from the year 1910, and that he would be very grateful if someone in Chicago would attempt to ascertain the address and forward the letter to her.

Anything you can do toward delivering the letter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. John R. Fugard, Treasurer,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
520 North Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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JOHN R. FUGARD, DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS-WISCONSIN DISTRICT  
520 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 9, 1939

Mr. E. C. Kemper  
The Octagon  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the unaddressed letter from Sir Raymond Unwin to Mr. Irving K. Pond's niece, which I have forwarded to the attorney Mr. Walter K. Fisher for proper address.

Very truly yours,

*John Fugard*

JRF:R

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 14, 1939.

My dear Sir Raymond:

The letter to Mr. I. K. Pond's niece, Miss Gale Pond, enclosed with your letter to me dated October 4, has been sent to Mr. John R. Fugard, Treasurer of The Institute, at 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Fugard was well acquainted with Mr. Pond and handled the arrangements between Washington and Chicago at the time of Mr. Pond's death. He has been in consultation with Mr. Pond's attorney and appears to be the person best fitted to look after the transmission of your letter to Miss Pond.

The Officers of The Institute were gratified that you and numerous other delegates to the postponed International Congress were able to come to The Institute Convention. Your many friends in The Institute were happy to have the opportunity of renewing their contacts with you. I am pleased to note from your letter that you found it a happy interlude.

With warm personal regards and the hope that your Country will find a satisfactory issue from its present adversities, I am

Sincerely yours,

*C. J. J.*

Secretary.

Sir Raymond Unwin,  
Hotel Gramercy Park,  
52 Gramercy Park North,  
New York, N. Y.

*cc Eck*

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

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Mr. Oct

October 11, 1939

Dear Mr. Fugard:

We would like to submit to The Secretary for publication in the November OCTAGON a real appreciation of Past President Irving K. Pond.

At least a full page will be available and more if desired.

Can you suggest someone in Chicago, preferably an Institute member, who would be willing to undertake the writing of such an appreciation?

Of course, it should be well done and available here by October 27, at the latest, as the November OCTAGON must be made up by that date.

Anything you can do to help us in this respect will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

John R. Fugard, Treasurer  
The American Institute of Architects  
520 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Pond

~~Mr. Cram~~

October 20, 1939.

Dear Mr. Cram:

Herewith are two excerpts concerning the death of Past President Irving K. Pond during his attendance at the Seventy-first Convention of The Institute at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Pond died quite suddenly at the Emergency Hospital on September 29, 1939. Brief services were held in Washington, at which the officers and directors of The Institute were honorary pallbearers.

The body was cremated and we understand that the ashes will be interred at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

We would like to publish in THE OCTAGON an adequate appreciation of the life and work of Mr. Pond, with particular reference to his service to the profession and to The American Institute of Architects.

His friends in the Chicago Chapter, particularly Mr. John R. Fugard, now Treasurer of The Institute, and Mr. Arthur F. Woltersdorf have expressed the hope that you would be willing to write such an appreciation.

We trust that you can and will do so - in time for publication in the November OCTAGON which goes to press on or about November 5.

The amount of space will be one or two printed pages, as you prefer. We send the two excerpts in the thought that they may furnish some background information. Please return them with your manuscript which - as you can see - we are counting upon.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Ralph Adams Cram, F.A.I.A.,  
248 Boylston Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Executive Secretary.

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November 1, 1939.

Dear Mr. Cras:

With reference to our letter asking you to write an appreciation of Past President Irving K. Pond:

We understand there is to be a memorial service for Mr. Pond in the latter part of November, in Chicago, and that the Chicago architects are hoping very much to have the appreciation, in printed form, by that time.

We have assured them that if the manuscript is received, reprints of it will be made available to them, from the type to appear in the November number of THE OCTAGON.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ralph Adams Cras, F.A.I.A.,  
248 Boylston St.,  
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WILLIAM F. DEKNATEL, ARCHITECT  
840 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
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October 23, 1939

Mr. Edwin Bergstrom  
President  
The American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

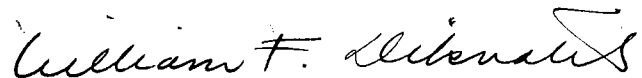
Dear Sir:

The Chicago Chapter of American Institute of Architects is sponsoring a service in memory of Irving K. Pond. The service will be held at Hull-House on Wednesday, November 15th, at 4:00 o'clock and will inaugurate a memorial exhibit of Mr. Pond's work.

We feel it is appropriate that all of his varied interests be represented at this time and are requesting you or a member of your group who was close to Mr. Pond to serve as an Honorary Member of our committee.

Trusting that you will accept this Honorary Membership, I am,

Very truly yours,



William F. Deknatel, A. I. A.  
For Arrangement Committee



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November 5, 1939.

Dear Mr. Deknatel:

I appreciate the honor of your invitation to represent The Institute at the memorial services for Irving K. Pond on November 15th. I regret exceedingly that duties I cannot postpone will keep me in Washington on that date.

Under the circumstances, I am asking Mr. Herrick Hammond, past President; Mr. John Fugard, Treasurer, and Messrs. Albert Shaw and Leigh Hunt, Directors, of The Institute, to represent me at the ceremonies.

Sincerely,

Mr. William F. Deknatel,  
320 N. Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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November 1, 1939

Mr. Edward C. Kemper  
Executive Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects.  
The Octagon  
1741 New York Ave.  
Washington, D. C.

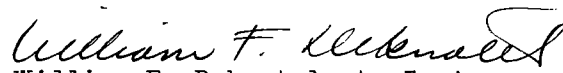
Dear Mr. Kemper:

A memorial meeting and exhibition of the work of Irving K. Pond will be held in the Benedict Gallery at Hull-House on Wednesday, November 15th at 3:30 o'clock. This meeting is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of The American Institute of Architects with the collaboration of the Illinois Society of Architects, The Cliff Dwellers, The Architects Club of Chicago, The Chicago Literary Club, The City Club and The Circus Fans Association of America. The following have named Honorary Members to the committee:

The American Institute of Architects, Washington, D. C.  
The Art Institute of Chicago  
The Chicago Light House For The Blind  
The Chicago Commons  
Gads Hill Center  
Hull-House  
The Society of Midland Authors  
Municipal Art League of Chicago  
The National Institute of Arts and Letters  
The Newberry Library  
The University Club of Chicago  
The University of Michigan Club

I Will you please notify your members of this meeting?

Sincerely yours,

  
William F. Deknatel, A. I. A.  
For Arrangement Committee



## Irving Kane Pond

1857-1939

When the history of architecture of our period is written, the name and works of Irving Kane Pond must have a prominent place, not only because of his art, which renounced formalism and tradition-bound design, but also because of his influence for better practices and greater professional integrity. He brought to an archaeological architecture, a new approach and to a superficial and sentimental civilization, some wholesome truths.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in May 1857, he entered a world ripe for the philosophy and ideas which he later promulgated. He attended the University of Michigan where he majored in civil engineering, graduating in 1879. That same year he came to Chicago, serving in the offices of Architect W. L. B. Jenney, furniture designer Bates, and Architect S. S. Beman. He formed friendships which he retained through life. After a study tour in Europe, he returned to Chicago to practice architecture, and a short time later entered into partnership with his brother, Allen Bartlett Pond. Thus was born the firm of Pond & Pond, which continued uninterruptedly from 1886 until the name was withdrawn in 1934.

Since this is not a biography, suffice it to say that the young firm was successful and a satisfied and enthusiastic clientele was established. This was not only fortunate but inevitable. Fortunate, because this profession was a medium through which I. K. Pond could express something of what he believed about life, civilization, and art; inevitable for two reasons: first, because he gave to his profession and his clients his most painstaking attention and application; second, because his architecture is as individual and refreshing as his life and character.

To him, architecture—the art of building, in contradistinction to the science of building—was an outgrowth and expression of the life and civilization of which it was a part. It must, therefore, combine in the inanimate mass of the building the essence of its function and spirit of its medium. Despising sham and pretense in his personal life, he discarded everything in design that appeared false. This meant the elimination of meaningless ornament and of the slavish repetition of dead classic motif.

This approach is evident in even his earliest creations, where he departed from accepted forms and groped for a truer expression. He experimented with forms, patterns, and mass, guided by good taste and an innate sense of perspective and composition, improving and discarding until, in the Union Building at the University of Michigan, he reached a complete expression; complete in the sense that in mass and detail it satisfied his ideal of design. To a great extent, the detail used in this building formed the basis of the illustrations in his book, "The Meaning of Architecture."

With his theory of design supplying the underlying principle of all his work, there is wide variation in character which is not the result of chance but of thoughtful and conscientious effort to express in each building something of the feeling of its use and setting. For example, the masculinity of the Michigan Union, the femininity of the Michigan League, the somewhat smug opulence of the Royal Neighbors building, were the result of careful analysis and uncompromising adherence to his creed.

He was a patron and, in a measure, a student of all the arts; of music, literature, the theater, the dance, painting, sculpture, and acrobatics. Whether this interest in, and love of, the arts influenced his philosophical and ethical convictions, or whether the contemplation of physical and metaphysical phenomena urged the expression of fundamental facts in design, is immaterial. They were intertwined in his thoughts and are inextricably bound up in his buildings and his writings.

To contemporary architects he gave his time without stint, serving long and faithfully in the A. I. A. and other architectural societies and clubs. He stood for the highest possible professional ethics and did much toward the establishment of architecture as a recognized profession and art in this country and the lifting of the architect to a better position in our social structure.

His keen interest in civic and social problems, as well as artistic matters, led him to support all worthwhile activities leading to better

government, the correction of social evils, and the development of a fuller life. This is evidenced by the clubs and societies with which he was identified, including, among others, the American Institute of Architects, the Chicago Architectural Club, National Institute of Arts and Letters, Society of Midland Authors, Chicago City Club, Chicago Literary Club, University Club, Cliff Dwellers, and Circus Fans Association of America. His wide philanthropic interest provided the inspiration for the designs of many of his buildings.

His deep sympathy with the ideals and aspirations of Jane Addams made it possible for him to produce Hull House, in spite of the limited amount of money available for the buildings. In like manner Chicago Commons, Gads Hill, and other settlement houses were designed and built.

The problem of the then unorganized college students in our large universities was commanding attention. Working with his brother and certain liberal elements in the faculty and alumni of the University of Michigan, he launched the college union idea. Years of unselfish research and study, of heartache and disappointment, finally resulted in the production of the Michigan Union Building. Several more years passed before the soundness and value of the idea were recognized sufficiently for others to want to participate in similar ventures. Then followed the union buildings at Purdue University, Michigan State College, University of Kansas, and the Women's League Building at the University of Michigan, each designed to meet a specific social as well as aesthetic need.

Many honors came to I. K. Pond during his life in recognition of his outstanding architectural achievements. The University of Michigan twice conferred honorary degrees, an A. M. in 1911, followed by Doctor of Architecture in 1930. He was a Fellow and President of the American Institute of Architects, honorary corresponding member of the Bund Deutscher Architekten, Royal Institute of British Architects, and the Central Society of Austrian Architects. His buildings have been widely publicized in architectural and trade journals in America and abroad. His writings lead to a complete understanding of his work.

He wrote extensively for the *Inland Architect* and the *Journal of the A. I. A.*—contributions and observations pertinent to contemporary problems, and, in many instances, prophetic of future trends. His articles relative to the "set back" in city buildings indicated the need and illustrated the solution of the problem long before building codes forced its use. He wrote many papers which he read at the meetings of the Chicago Literary Club, some of which have been published under the title "A Strange Fellow and Other Club Papers."

The universality of interest and appeal common to all his writings is especially noticeable in "The Meaning of Architecture." Written primarily for architects and with a special message for them, it has, nevertheless, such beautiful and convincing observations on art and life that it is lifted out of the realm of the technical. While this is true all through the book, it is particularly noticeable in the opening chapter called "The Animating Spirit." It is an interesting fact that a leading authority and critic of the modern dance recommends this book, with particular reference to the chapter on "Rhythms," to students of that art.

In "Big Top Rhythms" he has shown us his hobby, his love of the circus and acrobatics. An athlete himself of no mean ability, he understood and appreciated the fine coordination and skill required in acrobatics. He felt, however, that there was more than mere physical skill and daring required in the performer. He saw in the perfectly executed performance, the beauty and rhythm which made it a fine art. More than a hobby, his work in the gymnasium and his association with and friendship for the artists of the circus was a recreation and an inspiration.

The world knew him as the architect and the writer, but those of us who were privileged to work with him in his chosen profession, knew him and loved him as the man. We saw him at his best. His unflinching sense of humor, his kindness and patience with our stupidities, made our tasks lighter. He never attempted to force his philos-

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November 28, 1939.

Dear Mr. Fugard:

The minutes of The Board of Directors at its meeting in Washington on September 30, 1939 contain an appreciation of Past President Irving K. Pond, which is enclosed herewith.

The November number of THE OCTAGON will also contain an appreciation by Mr. Ralph Adams Cram, and will be mailed to you shortly.

We call your attention to these two tributes in the thought that you may wish to pass them on to Mr. Pond's next of kin, or to whomever you think should receive them.

It will be appreciated if you will take some action along that line.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John R. Fugard, Treasurer  
American Institute of Architects  
520 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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## INDIANA SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

## RESOLUTION

In the passing of Irving K. Pond, Emory Stanford Hall and Thomas Tallmadge, the Illinois Society of Architects has lost the spirited guidance and assistance of three faithful members.

Each of these men served his profession unselfishly and well and endeared himself to the entire architectural profession.

The Indiana Society of Architects in Convention assembled wishes to record its appreciation by adopting the following:

Be it RESOLVED, That the Indiana Society expresses its deepest sympathy to the friends and associates of these truly great men, and

Be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Illinois Society of Architects and recorded in our minutes.

Adopted January 20, 1940.

INDIANA SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

By R. C. Lennox  
Secretary

## MINUTES—MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Resolved*, That the request of the Washington, D. C., Chapter for the extension of its territory to include Arlington and Fairfax counties in Virginia and Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland be laid on the table. (210-B-9-39)

### By-law Amendments.

The President reported the administration of the Structural Service and the Public Information Departments, under the jurisdiction of The Secretary, had been originally set up to give the Chairmen of the Structural Service Committee and of the Public Information Committee the right to oversee the departments. The arrangement was cumbersome and had led to confusion on the part of the heads of those departments. He recommended the oversight of the chairmen be removed, the heads of the departments to report only to The Secretary.

### The Structural Service Department.

Action, by unanimous vote, was as follows:

*Resolved*, That the By-laws of The Institute be amended by The Board of Directors as follows:

Under Chapter XI, Article 4, Section 3, strike from the last sentence of the first paragraph, the following: "chairman of the Committee on Structural Service shall have general oversight of the work of the structural service department, and the". (211-B-9-39)

The last sentence of the paragraph then reads as follows:

The executive assistant in charge of the department shall be known as the *Technical Secretary*.

### The Department of Public Information.

Action, by unanimous vote, was as follows:

*Resolved*, That the By-laws of The Institute be amended by The Board of Directors as follows:

Under Chapter XI, Article 4, Section 5, first paragraph, strike out the last sentence reading "The chairman of the Committee on Public Information shall have general oversight of the work of the department of public information." (212-B-9-39)

The amended first paragraph then reads as follows:

There shall be an executive department known as *The Department of Public Information*, which shall disseminate through the public press the news of The Institute and matters relating to the profession of architecture, the arts allied therewith, and the building industry.

### Rule of The Board—Preparation of Resolutions.

For the purpose of the record, and by two-thirds vote, it was

*Resolved*, As a Rule of The Board, That to save time at meetings and in preparing the agenda therefor, resolutions of The Board and The Executive Committee properly putting into effect their actions of a routine nature or that are non-controversial may be written by The Secretary, approved by The President, subsequent to the meeting at which the actions were taken. (212a-B-9-39)

### Rule of The Board—Good Standing of Members Previously in Default.

To settle questions which have arisen with respect to the good standing of members who have been in default and then placed themselves in good standing, and by two-thirds vote, it was

*Resolved*, As a Rule of The Board, that a corporate member who has been in default to The Institute and thereafter cures such default either by payment or through remission by The Board, shall be recorded as of good standing during the period in which he was in default. (213-B-9-39)

### Report of The Executive Secretary.

The report of the Executive Secretary was submitted by him (Appendix I).

*Resolved*, That the report of the Executive Secretary, dated September 30, 1939, covering the period between September 20, 1939 and September 29, 1939, be received. (214-B-9-39)

### Appreciation of Past President Irving K. Pond.

The Board adopted the following tribute to Past President Irving K. Pond, whose death had been reported at the preceding organization meeting of The Board:

With profound sorrow The Board of Directors of The American Institute of Architects assembled in meeting received the news of the passing of Irving K. Pond, Past President of The Institute.

His presence at the Seventy-first Convention, just concluded, afforded the members and guests in attendance the opportunity to pay their respects to one who had served The Institute for many years; whose wise counsel had guided it through years of development; whose kindly interest had helped many an aspiring architect along the road to success. His devotion to the ideals of his beloved profession makes his life a source of inspiration to those who follow him in the practice of architecture.

### Adjournment.

The semi-annual meeting of The Board of Directors adjourned *sine die* at 4:15 P. M. on September 30, 1939.

## Irving K. Pond

1857-1939

There was never a finer exponent of American architecture in its great fifty years, from 1880 to 1930, or a better exponent of what an American architect should be, than "I. K."—as we all called him. I am proud to have known him as a close personal friend, for many years, and I think the sense of personal loss transcends the consciousness of the loss sustained by the architectural profession. He was certainly the "scholar and gentleman", also a creative architect, and a philosopher in the best sense of the word. He was, more than all, perhaps, a singularly vital human being, generous, appreciative, and with a great gift for friendship.

A conservative in the best sense of the word, he had that forward look that belongs to a creator of real things. Architecture was to him not archaeology, still less was it anarchy. His active life filled the space between the romantic archaicism of the eighteen-eighties and the sanscoulottism of the nineteen-thirties. His work was free, expressive and personal, and it always belonged where it was, both in space and time. Much of the good that developed after the turn of the century, he anticipated, but he had no commerce with the ill things that came with the good.

I said he was a real philosopher, and this is true. He saw beneath the visible form of architectural works down to the social, economic and historical fundamentals. Temporary and evanescent impulses interested him not at all. He knew that essentially all the arts were one, and I am not sure

that music was not to him the most vital influence in the creation of great architecture. His very noble book "The Meaning of Architecture" deserves to be far better known than it is now, or, as a matter of fact, ever was. It places the art of architecture on that high plane where it always stood in history, and where, in some way, it must be placed again.

Irving Pond was eighty-one at the time of his death which, though a great loss to his friends, could not be termed untimely. He had lived through, and played a good part in what may sometime be known as the latest episode in "The Rise and Fall of American Civilization". The world had gone away from him, questing after strange things with which he could have little sympathy. Reality had given place to illusion, and I. K.'s life and art and philosophy were founded in reality. He was a Humanist after the old and true sense of the word, not in accordance with its contemporary and distorted interpretation. He is well out of the general mess in which the world has involved itself, and yet had he lived for another five years, however disheartening may be the event, his sound philosophy of life could only have had the effect of showing him the inevitable "change beyond the change", in which he could quietly have rested.

He deserves long to be remembered as a fine exponent of a great period in the record of a noble art.

RALPH ADAMS CRAM.

## Irving K. Pond Memorial Service

THE Chicago Chapter sponsored a service in memory of Irving K. Pond, Past President of The Institute, at Hull House on Nov. 15, inaugurating a memorial exhibit of Mr. Pond's work.

Representing The Institute at the services, were

C. Herrick Hammond, Past President of The Institute, John R. Fugard, Treasurer of The Institute, Alfred Shaw, Regional Director of the Illinois-Wisconsin District, and Leigh Hunt, State Association Director.

## Necrology—Fellows and Members

As reported to The Institute from October 25 to December 5.

## Fellows

Kirtland Cutter  
Emery Stanford Hall

Alfred H. Granger  
D. Everett Waid

## Members

Henry J. Baringer, Jr.

Charles H. Bauer

J. L. Heckenlively