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THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Re: Nomination of Igor Boris Polevitzky
for Fellowship in The American
Institute of Architects.

November 6, 1954

The Jury of Fellows,
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.,
Washington (6), D.C.

Gentlemen:

As Secretary of Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., and conforming with action taken by the Executive Committee, I hereby confirm the qualifications of this Nominee.

Biographical

Name Igor Boris Polevitzky

Firm Name Polevitzky, Johnson and Associates

Registration Florida and Illinois (NCARB #578)

College University of Pennsylvania Engineering School 1½ years
University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture 4½ yrs.

Degree Bachelor of Architecture (Graduated with honors)

Scholarships Major's Scholarship and Foreign Student Scholarship

Achievements in Architectural Design

Outstanding contemporary design, receiving Local, National and International recognition with definite influence on design in Greater Miami area. Principal among his many buildings are Albion Hotel, Shelborne Hotel, Golden Strand Hotel, Wohl Studio Apartments, Travers Residence, Schulman Residence, Heller Residence and Pickin' Chicken Restaurant.

Achievement in Education

1941 Miami Technical High School - Instruction in design and drafting.

1946 University of Illinois - Design instruction and lectures - William T. Arnett, Dean.

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1947 University of Illinois - Design instruction and lectures -
Turpin C. Bannister, Dean.

1950 Cornell University - Design Instruction and lectures -
Thomas McKasie, Dean.

1952 University of Florida - Design instruction and lectures.

Lectures on lighting, contemporary architecture, building codes,
art and architecture, architectural services - to contract-
ors, realtors, women's clubs, art groups and students.

Articles in newspapers and trade magazines - Architecture, etc.
Appeared at least 20 times on radio and television - Ar-
chitecture, etc.

University of Florida Centennial Award (1953) to the only
Practicing Architect not a graduate of the University of
Florida for "outstanding leadership and distinguished service
to the people of Florida".

Achievement in Service to The Institute

Offices in Architectural Organizations:

1941 Corporate Member, A.I.A.

1942 Secretary, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

1946 Miami Chairman for National A.I.A. Convention

1947 President, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

1948 Director, Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.
Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
Chairman, Practice Committee, Florida South Chapter

1949 Director, Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.
Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
Legislative Committee, Florida Association of Architects
Joint Technical Information Committee, A.I.A.

1950 Executive Committee, Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
Member National A.I.A. Technical Information Committee
with Producer's Council

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

- 1951 Chairman, Joint Technical Information Committee,
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.
- 1952 Vice President, Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.
Legislative Committee, Florida Association of Architects
- 1953 President, Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.
Chairman, Unified Building Codes Committee, Florida
South Chapter, A.I.A.
- 1954 President, Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A.


Additional Achievements (Partial)

Initiated and promoted co-operation between Architects and Builders, resulting in a Joint Co-operative Council of the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida Council of the A.G.C.

For years, a constant worker and promoter of a Unified Code for the Greater Miami Area. The new Regional South Florida Unified Building Code is nearing completion and, because of his interest and activities regarding same, the Miami Builders Exchange awarded him an "Honorary Life Membership".

Trusting the above recapitulation will provide you with sufficient information, I Remain,

Cordially Yours,


H. George Fink, Secretary,
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

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GEORGE A. COFFIN

A R C H I T E C T

532 S. W. 23RD ROAD

MIAMI · FLORIDA

January 3, 1955

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington D.C.

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Gentlemen:

The nomination of Mr. Igor Polevitzky by the Florida South Chapter for Fellowship in the A.I.A. is one that I am pleased to have the opportunity to endorse.

Mr. Polevitzky's achievements in contemporary design are noted for their excellence in plan, structure, materials, scale and color. They have received national and international publicity. His reputation for conducting a practice of the highest ethical standards is second to none. His services to the Florida South Chapter, the Florida Association of Architects and the construction industry locally and State wide are recognized by his fellow architects as definite contributions to the Practice of Architecture.

To know him personally is to admire him, by nature he blessed with a warm and friendly personality, by training he is an artist of great skill. I know of no one in our Chapter who is better qualified or more deserving of your consideration for the high award of Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,

George A. Coffin
George A. Coffin

C. HERRICK HAMMOND, F.A.I.A.

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DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA
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December 17, 1954

FACTUAL

The American Institute of Architects,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,
Washington 6, D. C.

Attention: Mr. William J. Bain, Chairman
Jury of Fellows

Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter has nominated Igor Plevitsky for advancement. Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, based on "Achievement in Design", "Education", and "Service to the Institute".

The nomination and supporting exhibits are before the Jury.

I have, since moving to Florida, made a real effort to take an interest in Institute affairs and in doing so have been impressed by Mr. Plevitsky who has just retired from the office of President of the Florida Association of Architects.

His administration of the affairs of the Association accomplished much to the credit of the Profession in many fields of endeavor.

I have had actual contact with his office and know the excellent manner in which work entrusted to him is performed. He is a splendid architect and gentleman.

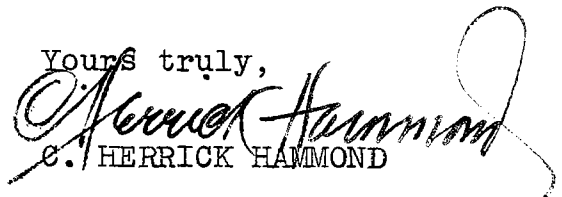
Florida is entitled, in my opinion, to greater representation in the College of Fellows.

There are but two Fellows in the Florida South Chapter with a membership of eighty-eight architects, this should be given consideration by the Jury.

I regret that I could not write to each member of the Jury, the fact I have not done so is not to be construed as lack of real interest in the advancement of Mr. Plevitsky.

I sincerely trust that the Jury will act favorably of his nomination.

Yours truly,


C. HERRICK HAMMOND

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UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA 4

The School of Fine Arts

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

December 2, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

It is a distinct privilege to endorse the nomination for advancement to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects of a former student in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Pennsylvania, Igor B. Polevitzky, for his achievements in Architectural Design amply supported by continuous and active service to The Institute over a period of thirteen years.

Mr. Polevitzky's work in design has been of such fine quality as to achieve the recognition and publication of architectural magazines. Graduating from this University with Honors, he has lived up to the high standards of professional performance which were indicated while a student.

I sincerely trust that he may have the recognition he richly deserves by advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


George S. Koyl, F.A.I.A.
Professor of Architecture

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Wrohl SNYDER
ARCHITECT

A.I.A.

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November 29, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A. I. A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

We were interested to learn that Mr. Igor Polevitzky had been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute and this office would like to endorse his nomination.

I have known Mr. Polevitzky for more than fifteen years and during that time have observed his active participation in all phases of Chapter work and community service.

First of all, he is a successful and outstanding architect and is especially well known for his achievements in architectural design. He has received a great deal of recognition and publicity, locally and nationally, for outstanding contemporary residences and commercial buildings.

He is a gifted writer and lecturer; his articles have appeared in newspapers and trade magazines, and he has lectured over radio and television stations and to groups such as contractors, realtors and art students. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to instruct classes at the Miami Technical High School; Universities of Florida, Illinois and Cornell.

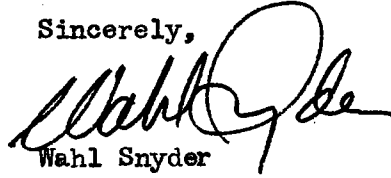
His service to the Institute has been noteworthy. He has served on many committees, locally and nationally; was Secretary to the Florida South Chapter in 1942; its President in 1947 and a member of the Executive Committee for several years. He is active in the Florida Association of Architects having been their Vice President in 1952 and President in 1953 and 1954. He vigorously promoted cooperation between architects and builders resulting in the Joint Cooperative Council of the Florida Association of Architects and Florida Council of the A. G. C.

Among honors bestowed on Mr. Polevitzky are the University of Florida's Centennial Award in 1953 "for outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people of Florida" and an honorary

life membership in the Miami Builders Exchange for work in promoting a unified code for the area.

In view of Mr. Polevitzky's outstanding record, I sincerely hope the Jury will consider him favorably.

Sincerely,



Wahl Snyder

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SHERMAN

ARCHITECT - CONSULTANT - INDUSTRIAL PLANNING - PRODUCT DESIGN
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November 24th, 1954.

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,
1735 New York Avenue, NW,
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

Our Florida South Chapter has nominated one of our outstanding members, Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship in the Institute and I am happy to support this nomination and urge this appointment for one of our most valuable members.

I have known Mr. Polevitzky since our student days at the University of Pennsylvania and it has therefore been especially gratifying to me, to see him develop over the years into one of the most progressive architects in the country whose ideas have stimulated many of his fellow practitioners and perhaps thousands of students in Florida and elsewhere.

His talents in the latter direction have been recognized and appreciated as evidenced by his numerous appointments to teaching assignments in such recognized institutions as Miami Technical High School, The University of Florida, The University of Illinois and Cornell University, as well as in his fulfillment of dozens of instructional speaking engagements for numerous professional and lay groups.

As significant as his professional and teaching record, is the record of his service to the profession, to the community and to the Association. He has taken an active and important part in our local chapter, in the Florida Association of Architects of which he is currently President and in various committees such as the one which has worked toward a uniform building code for South Florida - a tremendous task, which is now reaching a successful conclusion.

It is because I feel most sincerely that Igor Polevitzky has earned the distinction and privilege of Fellowship in the Institute that I support his nomination and I trust that a review of his record will convince the Jury that this is so.

Sincerely yours,

M. Tony Sherman
M. Tony Sherman, A.I.A.

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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA STUDENT ASSOCIATE BRANCH
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
Gainesville, Florida

November 17, 1954

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The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to our attention that Mr. Igor B. Polevitsky is being nominated for a fellow of The American Institute of Architects. We felt that an important consideration in awarding this honor is the active interest he has shown in students of the College of Architecture and Allied Arts at the University of Florida.

As a practicing architect he has freely given his time to serve as a visiting critic. As President of the Florida Association of Architects he has always displayed the keenest interest in the AIA Student Chapter.

We, as students, take inspiration from an architect who is not just concerned about the future of architecture, but who makes a sincere effort to help in producing the future members of the profession.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Wohlberg
J. A. Wohlberg
President

Walter J. Stanton
Walter J. Stanton
Secretary

cc: Russell T. Pancoast

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GEORGE J. HAAS—A. I. A.

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MIAMI 38, FLORIDA

November 17, 1954

To the Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects

Gentlemen;-

Permit me to take this opportunity
to support the Nomination of Mr. Igor Boris
Polevitzky for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Polevitzky about
twelve years and have had knowledge of his
achievements for a longer period because of
his outatanding contemporary designand it's
influence on Architecture in the Miami Area.

His devotion to his Profession
and to the Institutè's ideals is well known
and by personally observing his efforts in
the Chapter and the Florida Association I am
sure they have had a fine influence on the
profession in general and on his community.

I sincerely believe he is fully
deserving of the honor of Fellowship.

Very Truly,

George J. Haas
George J. Haas

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

ARCHITECTS

CLINTON GAMBLE

JAMES K. POWNALL

WILLIAM A. GILROY

November 12, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

This letter is to urge support of the nomination of Igor B. Polevitzky.

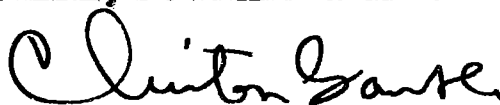
I have known Mr. Polevitzky since 1941. His work in design is well known to all of us, practicing here in South Florida, as a constant source of inspiration and leadership.

I have been the closest observer of his contributions to public service and service to the Institute over the past two years as I have been serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida Association of Architects while he has been President. His grasp of the overall concept of the needs of the profession and the complicated solutions this present day requires, as well as the ever widening services the profession extends, has made the Florida Association of Architects a truly important force in the State. Under his leadership there have been many practical gains in legislative fields and in cooperation with the many allied workers in the construction industry. He has given of his time completely and unselfishly toward the better working of the Florida Association of Architects within itself and with the six chapters of the American Institute of Architects in the State. It is a better organized, more enthusiastic, and larger group than it has ever been due certainly to his leadership.

I know of no one in the profession, not already honored by the Jury, who has more qualifications in all three fields of achievement. I would count it a fine and proper recognition of Mr. Polivitzky that the Jury decide favorably on his nomination.

Yours very truly,

GAMBLE, POWNALL & GILROY



Clinton Gamble

GEORGE G. ZANNOTH, AIA
GEORGE L. CADENHEAD, N.S.P.E

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A. I. A.
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3415 S. W. 3rd Street
Miami 35, Florida

November 11, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Re: Support of nomination of Mr.
Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship
in the A.I.A. based on achieve-
ment in "Design", "Education"
and "Service to The Institute".

Gentlemen:

I wish to heartily endorse Mr. Igor Polevitzky who is at present President of our Florida Association of Architects and a very active member of our Florida South Chapter of the A.I.A.

Mr. Polevitzky's distinction in the art of design, excellence of structure, details, scale, color and texture of his projects along the southeast coast of Florida is very well known to those who have followed the annual magazines such as Life, as well as architectural periodicals. His creative handling of new material in this sub-tropical climate was particularly commendable when he did a subdivision for the Feldman Construction Company in the Golden Beach area of Dade County.

As to Achievement in Education, Mr. Polevitzky has given freely of his time to several university schools of architecture such as Cornell, University of Florida, and University of Illinois, in lecturing and teaching of architectural subjects, which has brought his viewpoints on design and construction to numerous students of architecture.

His Achievement in Service to The Institute has consisted of continued interest and activity in our local Chapter and as President of the Florida Association of Architects for the past two years he has shown marked

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
Washington 6, D.C.
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leadership in bettering the relationship with all Chapters of the State and also in promulgating such progressive steps as the Florida State Association Magazine, and as President of the State Association is instrumental in getting unified building codes in the greater metropolitan area of Miami.

Trusting you will find it possible to grant Mr. Igor Polevitzky the great honor of awarding him the Fellowship at our next annual convention.

Respectfully yours,

A. J. Simberg
A. J. Simberg

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NORMAN M. GILLER, A. I. A.
HARRY HINELY
OFFICE MANAGER

November 10, 1954

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

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Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the Florida South Chapter's nomination of Igor Plevitsky for advancement to Fellowship.

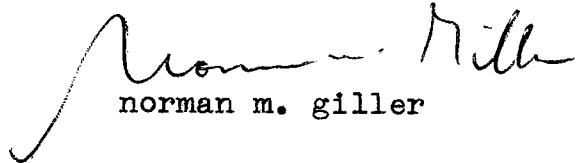
I have known Mr. Plevitsky for over fourteen years and have found him to be a man of unusual character. His approach to design is refreshing and his designs have influenced architecture in the South Florida area.

He has imparted his knowledge through instruction and lectures at the Universities of Florida, Illinois, Cornell and the Miami Technical High School.

He has served in many offices of the Institute, doing an unusual job in each and every phase of service.

I wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Mr. Igor Plevitsky for advancement to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,


norman m. giller

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PANCOAST, FERENDINO, SKEELS & BURNHAM

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RUSSELL T. PANCOAST, FAIA
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927 41ST STREET MIAMI BEACH 40, FLORIDA

November 8, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

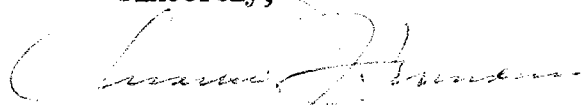
I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Igor Polevitzky as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Polevitzky's contribution in the field of design has been noteworthy on the basis of freshness and originality in all his work. In the field of design he has never been a follower, but has constantly been a leader.

Mr. Polevitzky's contributions in the education field, I am sure, are completely itemized in his application for Fellowship. I have talked to many students at the University of Florida who have received his instruction in design and who have heard his lectures, and have been very much impressed with his ability in this particular field.

His contributions to the profession thru the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Florida Association of Architects are also outlined in his application for Fellowship. Specifically, I want to say that in both organizations he has been a leader. He is now serving his second term as president of the Florida Association of Architects, which is an indication of the esteem in which he is held thruout the state, and a tribute to the work he has done to further the interests of our profession.

I am sure that the election of Mr. Polevitzky as a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects will serve as a distinct inspiration to architects to raise their standards of design and their contribution to the improvement of the architectural profession with their efforts.

Sincerely,



ANDREW J. FERENDINO

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

ITHACA, NEW YORK

November 6, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

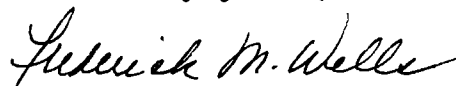
I understand that the Florida South Chapter of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects is nominating Igor B. Plevitzky to the Jury of Fellows. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to support this nomination.

We of the Cornell Design Staff have admired Mr. Plevitzky for his accomplishment in Design. We were fortunate to have him with us as a Visiting Critic during a period in 1950-51. He proved to be an excellent teacher and was able to instill in his students the same enthusiastic approach tempered by a realistic sensitivity which is reflected in his own work.

We were grateful that due to his sincere interest in the training of architectural students, he was willing to leave an active practice and spend this time with us. It proved to be a stimulating experience for the students as well as the faculty who had the opportunity to exchange views with him and profit by his rich design background.

I unhesitatingly recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick M. Wells, A.I.A.
Professor of Architecture

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NOVEMBER 5, 1954

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
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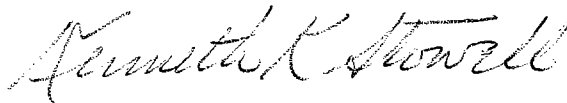
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GENTLEMEN:

I AM GLAD TO RECOMMEND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IGOR POLEVITZKY. IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE ~~FOR MANY YEARS~~ TO PUBLISH EXAMPLES OF HIS THOUGHTFUL AND STIMULATING DESIGNS WHEN I WAS EDITOR OF ARCHITECTURAL RECORD.

HIS WORK IS ALWAYS DISTINGUISHED, ADVANCED AND IN GOOD TASTE. HE HAS CERTAINLY MADE A DISTINCT CONTRIBUTION TO ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS, AS WELL AS HAVING PARTICIPATED MOST ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE INSTITUTE. I THEREFORE HEARTILY RECOMMEND HIM FOR YOUR MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

YOURS VERY TRULY,



KENNETH K. STOWELL

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WYETH, KING & JOHNSON
ARCHITECTS
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

MARION SIMS WYETH, R. A., A. I. A.
WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, R. A., A. I. A.
FREDERIC REINELANDER KING, R. A., F. A. I. A.

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R. M. HUNTER

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WYETH BUILDING

November 5, 1954

FACTUAL

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I have been advised that the Florida South Chapter of The American Institute of Architects is nominating Mr. Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship in The Institute under the categories of achievement in design, education and service to The Institute.

Not being a member of his chapter, I am not sufficiently familiar with his work in the field of education or service to The Institute to comment on the same, but I am familiar with his work as a designer, and will confine this letter to that field.

Mr. Polevitzky has worked chiefly in South Florida, and his buildings extend up and down this coast for many miles. I have followed his career since I first came in contact with his work, and for quite a few years have recognized the fact that he was far superior to others of our associates who were doing contemporary architecture. He does not commit the too common fault of simply trying to be startling at the expense of all logic and soundness. This will be evident in the photographs which accompany this nomination, and far more evident if the Members of The Jury had the opportunity to see the actual construction, and be familiar with the reasoning for the solution of each problem. I can definitely say that more and more he is influencing for the good contemporary design in this area.

I most heartily endorse Mr. Polevitzky's nomination and trust that The Jury of Fellows will act favorably upon it. I feel that his elevation to Fellowship would be a just recognition of his achievements, and increase his usefulness and influence in guiding other and less gifted architects in South Florida.

Sincerely yours,



Marion Sims Wyeth, F.A.I.A.

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JEROME SCHILLING

1270 N.E. 102ND STREET, MIAMI SHORES, FLORIDA

November 4, 1954

The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D.C.

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At the risk of being called prejudiced I must say that there is no one who I know more qualified for Fellowship in the A.I.A. than Igor B. Polevitzky. I have known him for almost twenty years and worked under him for almost the same period of time which has afforded me the privilege of knowing and respecting his achievements rather than being prejudiced.

Igor B. Polevitzky is the pioneer of outstanding contemporary design in this area. His Shelborne Hotel, completed some sixteen years ago, still holds its own with any hotel completed since. The Heller Residence, Pickin' Chicken Restaurant and Selby Shoe Store all have set a trend that many architects have tried but failed to imitate. Igor never does anything solely for "effect". It has to make sense and solve the particular problem involved.

He has been guest design critic at the University of Florida, University of Illinois and Cornell University and I have been told by students under him that they have received more benefit out of his "informal talks" than from any other source. He is a master at getting to the crux of a problem.

In civic affairs that have a direct or indirect bearing on architecture or the building industry Igor is an outstanding leader and is constantly being called upon to express his views. The realization of a new Regional South Florida Building Code, due to be completed in 1955, was accomplished largely through his efforts. Through the medium of radio, television, newspapers and trade magazines Igor has furthered greater understanding between his profession and the lay public, the building trades and in the profession itself.

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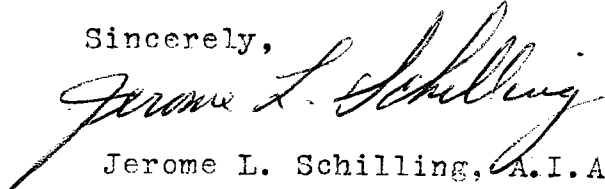
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Through his inspirational leadership in the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. as president and down through committee chairmanships the organization has grown and developed into one that is highly respected and influential in community life.

Through Igor's efforts as President of the Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A. the unsuccessful Bulletin was transferred into a successful monthly publication called "The Florida Architect", and at the same time promoted the Joint Cooperative Council of the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida Council of the A.G.C. which furthers cooperation between architects and builders.

Actually, I could go on for pages praising this man's achievements and character, telling of little incidents that happen during the day, but I am sure this letter would become too lengthy for its purpose. I just wanted to back up the Florida South Chapter's nomination of Igor B. Polevitzky for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Sincerely,


Jerome L. Schilling, A.I.A.

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November 4, 1954.

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1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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SUBJECT: Nomination of Igor Polevitzky
for Advancement to Fellowship
A.I.A.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to add my enthusiastic support to the idea of advancing Igor Polevitzky to the status of a Fellow in the American Institute of Architects.

From the moment Mr. Polevitzky arrived in Miami to practice architecture, a freshness of design began to appear. Of course his was not the only impetus toward less archaic types of design and construction methods, but if my memory serves me correctly, Mr. Polevitzky was the first spark. No matter what he has undertaken, it has never been "hack work".

I would like to mention particularly, just as an example, the Shelborne Hotel at Miami Beach. The Shelborne was built before World War II, and in spite of the hundreds of hotels built there since that time, it stands out as the very best in my estimation even to this date.

Mr. Polevitzky's achievements in the educational field are thoroughly outlined for you so far as your formal documents are concerned. To that I would like to add that his willingness to discuss design and construction pro and con with any other of our members has also been a remarkable contribution to the education of local practitioners.

It happened that Igor became a corporate member of the Institute just at the beginning of the war. Physical disabilities prevented him from going into any of the services. For a period of time he and I were almost the only local architects left in the district who were

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willing to attempt to carry the talisman until such a time as the more normal procedures would return. For two years, I believe, he worked as secretary when I was president of the local Chapter. He was always ready, able and willing to do anything possible to hold a nucleus of workers together here.

Afterward as president of the Chapter and finally as president of the Florida Association of Architects, Mr. Plevitzky has done a remarkably fine job in leading the architects of Miami and of Florida away from petty differences and into constructive programs. The word constructive is a good one to use in connection with Igor. He has a great impatience for talk without action. His accomplishments reflect that fact.

May I again assert my enthusiasm for the idea of advancing Mr. Igor B. Plevitzky to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Respectfully submitted,



Marion I. Manley.

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COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS
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November 4, 1954

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

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Gentlemen,

I am informed that the Florida South Chapter is nominating Mr. Igor B. Polevitzki for advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

In 1949, Mr. Polevitzki served the Department of Architecture of the University of Illinois as a visiting critic for one problem in Advanced Architectural Design. The invitation for this appointment was extended because of our recognition of the high quality of his professional experience and accomplishment. In carrying out his duties here, we were delighted with the results and with the contagious enthusiasm for creative production which he displayed. Both students and regular faculty were greatly stimulated by his presence. I am sure that had he chosen to become a regular teacher he would today be an educational leader.

At the time of the Miami Convention, I was very impressed with the examples of Mr. Polevitzki's work which I saw and I have followed his work since that time with interest and admiration.

In my opinion, Mr. Polevitzki well deserves the honor of advancement to Fellowship, and I am happy to urge the Jury to act favorably upon the nomination by the Florida South Chapter.

Yours cordially,



Turpin C. Bannister, F A I A,
Professor of Architecture.

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November 4, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

It has come to our attention that Igor Boris Polevitzky has been nominated for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Gargoyle, an honorary architectural fraternity at the University of Florida, would be honored at this time to offer its recommendation for the advancement of Mr. Polevitzky to the rank of Fellow.

Mr. Polevitzky visited our college in the spring of 1953 for several days. During his visit he met with many classes and gave critiques to students. He also gave a demonstration of rendering techniques which has proved to be of great aid to students since that time.

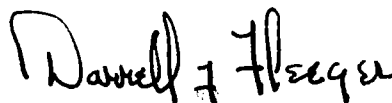
Mr. Polevitzky gave unsparingly of his time while here, entering into discussion with students and faculty on a variety of architectural subjects.

Needless to say, Mr. Polevitzky would accept no reimbursement for his time or expense.

Speaking for myself, I might add that Mr. Polevitzky has been of great service to me in my pursuit of an architectural career. Upon graduation from high school, I was introduced to him by my instructor, and at that time he gave me much of his time and advice. It is his policy to do everything he can to help young men starting in architecture and to see to it that they receive employment and direction.

We of Gargoyle firmly recommend the advancement of Mr. Polevitzky to the rank of Fellow, and will look forward to your decision.

Sincerely yours,



Darrell F. Fleeger
President, Gargoyle

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November 4, 1954

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Gentlemen:

I am writing on the behalf of Igor Polevitzky
who has been nominated by the Florida Chapter
for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

I have known Igor for twenty-five years and
have always been very conscious of his efforts
to achieve outstanding design in his buildings.
In my opinion he is a genuine artist and might
well be honored by the Institute.

Sincerely yours,


George C. Rudolph

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ROBERT FITCH SMITH - ARCHITECT A. I. A.

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MIAMI 32, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 3, 1954

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A. I. A.
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GENTLEMEN:

I WISH TO SUGGEST TO YOU THE NAME OF IGOR POLEVITZKY FOR ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE A. I. A. BASED ON HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN DESIGN, EDUCATION, AND SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE. SINCE MR. POLEVITZKY CAME TO MIAMI AND BECAME A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER IN 1941, I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HIM AND HIS WORK.

HIS DESIGNS ARE DISTINCTIVE WITH AN INDIVIDUALITY OF HIS OWN, USUALLY PLAYFUL IN CHARACTER AND EXPRESSIVE OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING. HIS DESIGN FOR THE ALBION HOTEL AT MIAMI BEACH IS NOTEWORTHY. IN MY OPINION, THE SHELBORNE IS HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DESIGN, BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND PRACTICAL. HIS GOLDEN STRAND APARTMENTS AT SUNNY ISLES ARE ALSO NOTEWORTHY, WITH THE GROUP OF SEASIDE COTTAGES. HE HAS DESIGNED A GROUP OF PICKIN CHICKEN RESTAURANTS WHICH HAVE ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION AND ARE PLAYFUL, COLORFUL, AND MOST PLEASING AS WELL AS PRACTICAL.

MR. POLEVITZKY HAS MADE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FLORIDA SOUTH CHAPTER AND TO THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS OF WHICH HE IS NOW PRESIDENT. HE HAS AT ALL TIMES BEEN INTERESTED IN THE BETTERMENT OF THE CHAPTER AND THE STATE ASSOCIATION. THROUGH MANY COMMITTEES ON WHICH HE HAS SERVED HE HAS ASSUMED LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, BUILDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ALSO IN THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY FOR FURTHERING THE WORK OF ARCHITECTS IN THIS STATE.

HE HAS SERVED WELL AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER AND AT THE PRESENT TIME WITH THE STATE ASSOCIATION HIS WORK HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. HE HAS SERVED ON MANY OCCASIONS AS A LECTURER AND A DESIGN CRITIC AT A NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES.

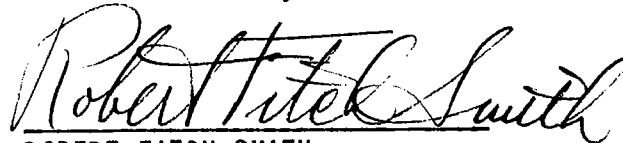
MR. POLEVITZKY HAS ROUNDED OUT HIS PROFESSIONAL WORK WITH DUTIES ON SPECIAL CIVIC COMMITTEES SUCH AS THE CITY OF MIAMI BUILDING CODE COMMISSION AND HAS BEEN INTENSELY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI.

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I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND HIS ETHICS TO BE OF HIGH STANDARD AND HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS ADVANCEMENT TO FELLOWSHIP IS IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE A.I.A.

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VERY TRULY YOURS,



ROBERT FITCH SMITH

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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been advised that the Florida South Chapter has nominated Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship and I would like to endorse their action.


My original contact with Igor was as a fellow student at the University of Pennsylvania during the period of deep depression. I have been quite thrilled by the wonderful job done by him in going into the Miami area completely unknown and building an architectural practice second to none in that area for its scope and productivity. I feel that he has justified the background and training that we all went through at the University and added to it, all of the qualities that I would want to see in a successful architect practicing in his community.

It is my personal conviction that the buildings produced by his office in the Florida area have been among the best done there. I have occasion to speak from experience as an active member of the Broward County Chapter with an office in Fort Lauderdale, and as a practicing architect here in Philadelphia. In addition, my office in New Jersey and my membership in the Michigan Society would indicate that I have had real opportunity to see the work of my fellow architects in order to pass this judgment.

I would further state as one who has also served the Institute at the chapter, state and national levels for many years, I have deep admiration and respect for his sincere work on behalf of the Florida State Association of which I am also a member.

I would be honored and proud to have you elevate Igor Polevitzky to Fellowship.

Sincerely,



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cc: R. T. Pancoast
I. Polevitzky
C. Gamble

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November 3, 1954

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.,
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

This letter is submitted to you in support of the nomination of
Igor Polevitsky for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Achievement in modern design and construction, particularly in residential work such as the Heller house, in hotels as shown by the Shelbourne, and in apartments like the Golden Strand, all of which have been published in various Architectural Publications for their fine solutions in contemporary design which have definitely had a bettering influence on modern design and architecture.

In Education, his lectures on design instruction have been a fine and inspiring influence at major universities throughout the country.

His service to the Institute has been untiring and especially to the Florida Association of Architects in its later stages of organization and as its present president.

Please accept my sincere recommendation of the nomination of Igor Polivitsky to Fellowship in the Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving E. Horsey

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THE BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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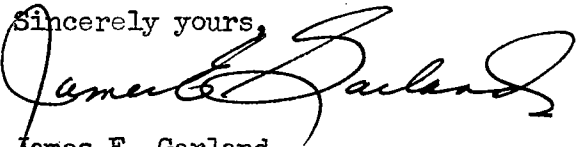
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Jury of Fellows, AIA
1735 New York Ave. NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Igor Polevitzky has made a very fine school design for the Dade County School Board. The negro school is now being constructed in the southwest area of Dade County. This school includes a number of very fine teachers which will enhance the educational program. Mr. Polevitzky in studying this program did a fine job of studying the natural lighting and natural ventilation portions of the problem as well as the school plan.

I certainly join with the many other Architects of this area in recognizing Mr. Polevitzky's ability both as a designer and as a teacher. For these outstanding accomplishments, add my voice to those who ask that you consider him for fellowship in the A.I.A.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Garland
Director of Schoolhouse Planning

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FELLOW
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MELLEN C. GREELEY
• ARCHITECT •
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November 2, 1954

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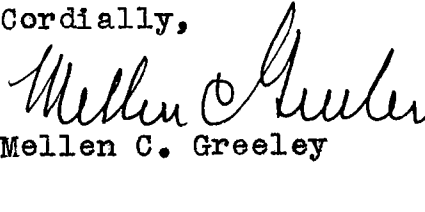
Gentlemen:

My very special friend - Igor Boris Polevitsky has been nominated for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute, and I wish to go on record as being sure that he is of the type of architect deserving of such honor.

Igor deserves recognition for achievement in several categories: in architectural design, for the many outstanding examples of buildings in Florida; in education, for his lecturing and instruction to students in several Universities, as well as for written articles and for radio and television appearances, all in furtherance of good architecture; in civic service, for working to bring about better public relations between the several branches of the building industry and the general public; but principally, I believe Igor has earned special recognition for his service to the Institute through his seemingly untiring efforts in behalf of the Florida Association of Architects and of the Florida South Chapter. The list of offices held by Igor for the past fifteen years indicates his great interest in his profession, and we who have worked with him know that he never considered the offices as strictly honorary, but as opportunities for personal service.

I sincerely endorse the nomination of Igor Boris Polevitsky for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Cordially,


Mellen C. Greeley

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to support the nomination of Igor Boris Plevitzky to become a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

After observing Igor in many types of meetings throughout quite a few years, I can testify to his devotion to our profession. He has always proposed vigorous action to strengthen the common cause of architecture and further he has not spared his own time and energy in furthering this aim. The specific achievements at which I was present are: Unified Building Codes Committee, Miami Chairman for A.I.A. Convention in 1946, and Joint Technical Information Committee. Igor has served the Florida South Chapter in almost every official and unofficial capacity. I well remember his work as President in 1947 and also his fine help on the Executive Committee of 1949 (especially valued as I was President that year).

His achievements in architectural design are well known to all of us. Less well known has been his work in the field of Education. Often at personal sacrifice Igor has travelled considerable distances to fulfill lecture engagements. I believe the Jury of Fellows would bring credit to the Institute by elevating Igor Boris Plevitzky to Fellowship.

Sincerely


Alfred Browning Parker, Architect

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FACTUAL

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA • GAINESVILLE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED ARTS

Department of Architecture

October 29, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I have been informed that the Florida South Chapter is nominating Igor Boris Polevitzky for advancement to Fellowship on the basis of ~~his achievements~~ in design, education, and service to the Institute. I am honored in supporting this nomination for Igor Polevitzky is without a doubt one of the really outstanding architects in this part of the country.

A year later I cannot find words which express more appropriately Igor Polevitzky's contributions than his University of Florida Centennial citation which said:

"From the Albion Hotel to the Heller House, your contributions to Florida architecture have captured the imagination of the nation. As president of your professional society, you symbolize in your person and in your work the progressive approach to architecture as a living art in Florida. For your distinguished contribution in the field of architectural design, the University of Florida makes this Centennial Award."

Igor Polevitzky has for fifteen years made very real contributions to that very special area recognized as "resort architecture". The Albion Hotel of fifteen years ago is still a landmark in the architectural development of Miami Beach. The Heller House brought a refreshingly new imaginativeness to an already imaginative architecture.

Igor Polevitzky has been a champion of our students and a worthy one for he has stood for integrity not alone in his practice, but in his design as well. He has ever been a friend and ever been willing to aid the students as well as the College of Architecture and Allied Arts. In the first case, he has come repeatedly to the University to work with the students at considerable personal expense. He has also been ever ready to champion the call of the College when a champion was needed.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA • GAINESVILLE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED ARTS

Department of Architecture

The Jury of Fellows

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October 29, 1954

I am glad to lend my voice in urging that Igor Polevitzky's
outstanding achievements be recognized by elevation to Fellowship.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN L. R. GRAND, Head
Department of Architecture

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DEAN PARMELEE
ARCHITECT

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 28, 1954

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This is written on behalf of Igor Polevitzky who has been nominated by our chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Mr. Polevitzky has produced outstanding work in contemporary design. He has also been very active in promoting the cause of architecture by instructing, lecturing and serving on numerous committees. He has been unselfish of his time.

In my opinion Mr. Polevitzky merits your most favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,


Dean Parmelee

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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

This is written to endorse the nomination by the Florida South Chapter of the elevation of Igor Polevitsky to Fellowship in the Institute based on achievement in "Design", "Education" and "Service to the Institute".

Florida has established for itself a distinctive and highly regarded type of architecture, largely through the buildings which have been executed from the designs of Igor Polevitsky. The exhibits of his work which have been submitted to you will serve to establish that he is indeed a master builder; that each of his buildings has a notable freshness and individuality and that the excellence of his design, structure, scale, color and details has produced results so superior as to justify his elevation to Fellowship on the basis of achievement in design.

It has been my pleasure to know several of the younger members of our profession who have been encouraged, influenced and educated through their contacts with Mr. Polevitsky during their undergraduate days. As a result of these contacts, Mr. Polevitsky's high ideals of architectural practice and service, as well as his excellent precepts of design, have been forcefully imparted to the younger generation. One who has willingly devoted the energy and time necessary for such activities deserves the recognition of his profession for a job well done.

My personal and first hand knowledge of Mr. Polevitsky's achievements has been largely in the field of "Service to the Institute" through his activities in the Florida Association of Architects, A.I.A. He has served in numerous positions of responsibility and for the past two years he has been President of the Florida Association of Architects. Some of the outstanding achievements which have resulted from his dedicated efforts in the interest of the entire profession are as follows:

1. About six years ago Mr. Polevitsky served as Chairman of a committee of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., which prepared the booklet "Presenting Your Architect", a copy of which is enclosed. This booklet, which I believe was almost entirely the work of Mr. Polevitsky, was adopted and widely distributed by the Florida Association of Architects. It has been an extremely useful aide in establishing in the minds of the building public, both private and official, the proper place of the architect and the manner in which he practices. Several very serious situations in connection with the award of

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architectural work by state, county and city agencies have been corrected through the use of this publication. It has an official stature only because one man, Igor Plevitsky, took upon himself the job of pushing its preparation and adoption.

2. Another of his unusual achievements has been the building up of the official publication of the Florida Association of Architects, which is now known as "The Florida Architect". Prior to his term as F.A.A. President, the publication was known as the F.A.A. Bulletin and was published spasmodically about three or four times a year with the regularity, format, content and advertisements dependent on the zeal and ability of the annually elected secretary-treasurer of the Association, who served as the unpaid editor. Its effectiveness was doubtful. Mr. Plevitsky has led the Association in the establishment of a Publications Committee, of which he is Chairman, and the employment of an able editor and business manager, Mr. Roger Sherman. Through Mr. Sherman's excellent direction and under the control of the Publications Committee, "The Florida Architect" has become a monthly journal comparable in all respects to the best publications of other professional organizations. It is being recognized as the voice of the construction industry in our state. Igor Plevitsky is its "spark plug".

3. There has recently been formed a Joint Cooperative Committee of the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida State Council of the A.G.C. Mr. Plevitsky promoted the formation of the committee and was largely responsible for motivating the far-reaching program being developed. The writer is privileged to be a member of this joint committee and the coming months will undoubtedly see a very substantial improvement in bidding practices and other matters relating to Contractors and Architects. The committee's work is being correlated with that of the similar committee at the national level.

To review all of the achievements of Igor Plevitsky with which I am familiar would require a document of considerable length. Those mentioned above will serve to indicate the absolutely selfless nature of the man, the untiring drive and energy which he puts into all his activities and the fact that his achievements have been so superior as to raise them entirely above what would be expected of the person holding the positions in which Mr. Plevitsky has served.

Men of his character, ability, and ideals are too few. It is indeed an honor to recommend to you that you lend encouragement to others to emulate his fine example by elevating Igor Plevitsky to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


Franklin S. Bunch

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ARCHITECT
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October 27, 1954

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Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the nomination of Igor Boris Polevitzky for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A. ~~This nomination is based~~ on achievement in Design, Education, and Service to the Institute.

Among his outstanding achievements in the field of architectural design are the Shelborne Hotel, Miami Beach; Albion Hotel, Miami Beach; and the Golden Strand Apartments. His work has had a definite influence on contemporary design in the Miami area.

His work in education consists of lectures and instruction in design at Cornell, University of Illinois, and the University of Florida. He has also lectured widely on lighting, building codes, art, and architectural services.

Igor's contributions to the Service of the Institute have been many and varied from 1941 to the present time, having been President of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., President of the Florida Association of Architects, and Chairman of the Unified Building Codes Committee of the Chapter. He deserves much credit for promoting the joint cooperative Council of the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida Council of the A.G.C.

I have known Igor for many years as a fellow alumnus of the University of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Florida South Chapter, and think that he highly deserves this recognition.

Yours very truly,

Howard B. Knight

Howard B. Knight

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October 27, 1954

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Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., has nominated Igor B. Polevitzky for advancement to Fellowship in the A.I.A. based on achievement in Design, Education, and Service to the Institute.

I wish to take this opportunity of adding my own word of endorsement, based upon my personal acquaintance with Igor and my knowledge of his achievements.

It has long been an accepted fact in this Greater Miami area that his design work has been most outstanding, even to a point of daring, since he has pioneered in design in the majority of his work here.

I use the word daring, because he has had the courage and ability to produce some splendid architectural contributions, which are based upon sound advanced design and thinking. The Shelbourne Hotel at Miami Beach is a striking example of this work.

In the residential field his works bear the same distinctive treatment and thinking along contemporary lines.

His choice of materials, excellence of structure, perfection of scale and details, all contribute notably to his mastery of the art of design.

Therefore I feel that his achievements in Design are of such individuality that the profession has been greatly advanced.

In the field of Education he has made outstanding and unselfish contribution. From 1941 to the present time, he has been sought after by numerous colleges to lecture on design, building codes, art and architecture, before their architectural departments. In addition to this he has lectured on lighting, contemporary architecture, and architectural services, to groups of art students, contractors, women's clubs, and realtors. He is the author of numerous architectural articles which have been published in trade magazines and newspapers. He has appeared on television and radio at least 20 times in the furtherance of information and education on architectural subjects.

In recognition " for outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people" he received the Centennial Award (1953) from the University of Florida. He is the only architect not a graduate of this university, to receive such a citation.

His achievement in service to the Institute is most impressive, and from which the profession has received tremendous benefit. This service dates from 1941 to the present time and is itemized in the documentation of his work.

His energy and efforts for many other services to the profession, are recognized by our chapter and the entire building industry of South Florida. He has been a leader and constant worker for the realization of a unified building code for this area which is due for completion and adoption in 1955. For this accomplishment the Miami Builders Exchange awarded him an honorary life membership.

I sincerely and strongly recommend Mr. Igor B. Polevitzky to the Jury of Fellows for advancement to Fellowship, based upon his achievements in Design, Education, and Service to the Institute.

Sincerely,



WM. H. MERRIAM

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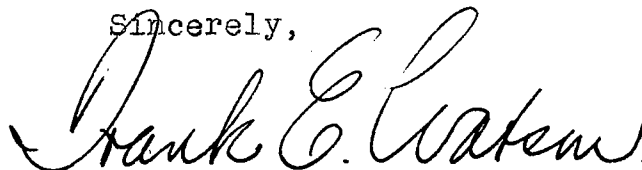
I wish to support the nomination of Igor B. Polevitsky
to Fellowship in the Institute.

I think he is worthy of being a member of the College
of Fellows and as a Fellow I believe he would be of even
more value and add more prestige to his profession.

I believe that it is unnecessary to go into a detailed
eulogy of Mr. Polevitsky's many accomplishments. You
have in your hands such a detailed list of his Achieve-
ments in Architectural Design, Achievements in Education
and in Service to the Institute. I have known Mr. Igor
Polevitsky since 1945, have served with him on innume-
rable committees, have exchanged ideas on education, been
associated with him as officer of the Local Chapter and
the State Association, and in all of these multitudinous
activities, Mr. Polevitsky has been a leader, stimulating,
imaginative and an untiring worker.

I wish to wholeheartedly recommend him to you for advance-
ment to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,


Frank E. Watson

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Gentlemen;

Material proposing the advancement to Fellowship of Igor B. Polevitsky for achievement in Architectural Design, ~~achievement~~ in Education and achievement in service to the Institute has been forwarded to you. As a nominator I submit this letter in support of the proposal.

I have known Mr. Polevitsky since college days, when I as a student at the University of Illinois competed with the University of Pennsylvania design star, Mr. Polevitsky in Beaux Arts Institute of Design competition. Since 1946, when I moved to Miami to practice architecture, I have worked with Mr. Polevitsky in Civic and Institute affairs and have observed his architectural activities at close range.

Mr. Polevitsky has a local and national reputation in architectural design, the envy of all progressive architects. His Albion Hotel on Lincoln Road in Miami Beach broke the pattern of pseudo-Spanish design for hotels in the area. He illustrated a new concept of design, a new spirit which has sparked the development of hotel design in Greater Miami. The Shelborne Hotel, which followed the Albion, is a landmark. This tower type, resort hotel with its cantilevered balconies overlooking the ocean has set a high standard of regional design. Although many have emulated the aspects of this hotel, very few have so successfully fulfilled the functional requirements, met the demands of local climatic conditions and created beautiful architecture.

The Golden Strand and Wohl Apartments, built since World War II, indicate that Mr. Polevitsky solves each problem imaginatively and skillfully. It is easy to identify his work, although there are many who are influenced by his solutions to problems, but each building is distinctive, with no monotonous repetition of detail.

In the residential field Mr. Polevitsky has shown equal facility. The Encyclopedia Britannica Year Book, 1953, used the Schulman House as representative of the latest development of tropical, residential architecture. The Heller House on the adjoining lot preceded the Schulman House and caused considerable comment. The concept of opening the rooms of the dwelling to a landscaped patio, completely enclosed with screen wire was used beautifully and pointed the way of exploiting to the fullest the ideal Miami climate for outdoor-indoor living. The Schulman House extended this concept further, by enclosing the whole house inside a screen structure. The lacy metal screen frames silhouetted black against the sky, the rooms and pool nestled in the vivid tropical foliage inside, are the result of a master designer. The photographs of this house in "Life" were wonderful, but to see this house under the varying angles of the sun throughout the day, proved the limitations of photographs. The Encyclopedia Britannica chose wisely a truly outstanding development in tropical, residential structure.

Mr. Polevitsky's mastery of new design techniques was recognized by various Architectural Schools and calls for his services as lecturer and design critic far exceeded his physical capacity. However, his keen interest in the proper training of budding architects and his desire for the public to understand our profession led him to take a very active part in the education field. Hardly a week passes that Mr. Polevitsky does not give a lecture or write an article. He has given inspiring lectures on lighting, contemporary architecture, building codes, art and architecture, architectural services and employment of new materials and building techniques. I personally have served with him on several panels and know that his teaching is sought and effectively received by the various audiences, contractors, realtors, womens' clubs, art groups and students. From 1951 through 1953, I arranged a weekly television program for the Florida South Chapter. Mr. Polevitsky appeared many times on the program and, according to the station polls, drew a large audience every time his appearance was previously announced. Mr. Polevitsky has appeared at least twenty times on radio and television bringing to audiences the story of architecture, its problems, its development and our profession.

His writing of magazine articles for newspapers and trade journals is astounding when one knows of his many other activities. The particular emphasis on teaching his readers about architecture and the profession in an interesting and imaginative manner makes his writings worthy of recognition.

No ego building, self glorification are evidenced in his articles.

In 1953 the University of Florida Centennial Award, an award to the practicing architect not a graduate of the University, was given Mr. Plevitsky for "outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people of Florida." This in large measure was due to his varied public educational activities. However, Mr. Plevitsky also has devoted many months to the more formal concept of education. In 1941 he taught design and drafting at Miami's Technical High School. After World War II he accepted two five-months teaching tours at the University of Illinois, Fine and Applied Arts College as critic of design and lecturer, - 1946 under Dean William T. Arnett and 1947 under Dean Turpin C. Bannister. In 1950 he served in the same capacity at Cornell University under Dean Thomas McKasic and again in 1952 at the University of Florida, Department of Architecture. Only Mr. Plevitsky's time limits his greater participation in the formal education field, for his contribution has been inspiring and his participation is sought.

As if practice and his activities in education were not enough to keep him busy, Mr. Plevitsky has been very active in Institute affairs. He has been Secretary (1942), President (1947) and Director (1948) (1949) (1950) of the Florida South Chapter and Chairman of numerous committees since 1945. He has served as Director of the Florida Association of Architects since 1948, Vice President in 1952, twice elected President (1953) (1954). His outstanding achievements a credit to the profession as well as the Institute in the eyes of the public, are his persistent efforts in establishing a Regional South Florida Building Code (which is now actually being written and scheduled for adoption in 1955.), and his promotion and organization of the Joint Cooperation Council of the Florida Association of Architects and the Florida Council of the Associated General Contractors. The need for a new code and cooperation with the contractors for a rapidly expanding region as is South Florida has long been recognized, but it took a Plevitsky to devise the plans, then educate and promote them to acceptance.

In pinpointing these accomplishments I do not wish to belittle his other activities as officer and committee chairman in the Institute. His work is always better than the Norm. It's just that I place more value upon his accomplishments which have great regional value, which is already serving as a beacon for other regions with similar problems.

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If the Jury concurs with my feelings concerning Igor B. Polevitsky and he becomes a ^{2d} Fellow, it does not bestow honor on a man who has past^{ed} his zenith. Mr. Polevitsky is still active and will continue to perform to the credit of the profession, the community and the Institute. As Fellow he will not only be honored for past achievements but will bring even greater prestige to the Institute as a working Fellow.

Yours Sincerely,



H. Samuel Kruse'

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THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.
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GENTLEMEN:

THE WRITER WISHES TO ENDORSE THE NOMINATION OF MR. IGOR POLEVITSKY
FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE A.I.A.

FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS, PRACTICING ARCHITECTURE IN THIS AREA, I
HAVE OBSERVED THE COMMISSIONS EXECUTED BY MR. POLEVITSKY. HIS
ACHIEVEMENTS IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN HAS WON RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT
THIS STATE AND THE COUNTRY AT LARGE. HE HAS ALSO GIVEN HIS TIME TO
INSTRUCTION OF DESIGN AND LECTURES AT THE VARIOUS INSTITUTES THROUGH-
OUT THE COUNTRY. HIS WORK HAS HAD A DEFINITE INFLUENCE IN THE MIAMI
AREA.

THEREFORE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT HE BE AWARDED THE HONOR OF A
FELLOWSHIP IN THE A.I.A.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Henry Hohauser
HENRY HOHAUSER, A.I.A.

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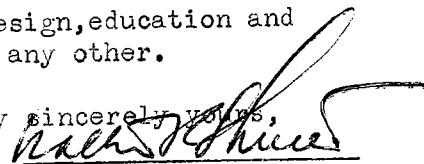
Dear sirs:-

Mr. Igor Boris Polevitsky of Miami, Florida
has been nominated thru the Florida South Chapter
of The A.I.A.

His achievements have been set forth in the
information sent to you with his nomination .

I wish to confirm these statements , and in
my opinion, I believe that he has done more to advance
the ideals and principles of good architecture and
the A.I.A. in this area thru design, education and
service to the Institute than any other.

Very sincerely yours,



Walter R. Shiner, A.I.A.



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Gentlemen:

Mr. Igor B. Polevitzky, A.I.A., a member of the Florida Sotuh Chapter of the Institute has been known to me since 1946, when the Institute Convention was held in Miami Beach.

At that time we spent considerable time together and I learned of the high regard in which Mr. Polevitzky was held by his fellow architects. He rendered valuable assistance in making that Convention a success. He has since served as president of his Chapter, and I have followed with interest the other valuable contributions he has made to his profession.

An interesting commentary made to me by a friend of his was that he was the only architect in existence who had never worked for another. Just how he managed this feat I do not know, but I am convinced that Mr. Polevitzky is deserving of fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely


Talmage C. Hughes

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Gentlemen:

I have been advised by Mr. Russell T. Pancoast, F.A.I.A., that the Florida South Chapter is nominating Igor B. Plevitzky for advancement to Fellowship in The Institute in the fields of Achievement In Architectural Design, Achievement in Education, and Service to The Institute.

I have personally known Mr. Plevitzky for approximately ten years and have on many occasions worked closely with him on committee and executive board work in the Florida Association of Architects. He has given unstintingly of his time to promote the interests of the profession of architecture. In all of his activity Igor has not only displayed the quality of being a thinker but has backed it up with his ability as a "do-er."

With regard to Igor's efforts on behalf of architectural education, I am particularly familiar with his work at the University of Florida located here in my home town. He has served the College of Architecture and Allied Arts in the capacity of visiting professor where he has again spent his time lavishly in furnishing design instruction and in leading free and open discussion periods which seem to mean so much to the students. Igor has the knack of getting down to grips with the students' personal approach to architectural matters.

In the field of design his accomplishments speak for themselves, having received recognition in local and national publications.

At the Centennial celebration of the University of Florida, Mr. Plevitzky was awarded a citation for "outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people of Florida." Considering that he is not a graduate of the University, this recognition seems even more significant.

It is a rare occasion when an architect is considered by his confreres as being accomplished in all three of these fields but in this particular instance I am most happy to give my endorsement to a man whose efforts have been outstanding.

Igor B. Plevitzky has brought honor and distinction to the profession. It is sincerely hoped that the profession will present this honor and distinction to him.

Sincerely yours,

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Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter has mentioned that it is nominating Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship, and I am taking the liberty of supporting this nomination.

Among the forward-looking architects of the area, Igor stands high as a rounded character whom one is happy and proud to call an architect. I have known him personally not only as the author of some striking designs but as the president of the Chapter whose management of affairs give evidence of sticking to it, of getting along wonderfully well with his associates and other groups, of competence in management and execution.

As for his ethical standards I recall on one occasion, after Igor had given all possible information about foundations, climate, and other conditions in Florida to a visiting architect of considerable reputation, said the visitor, "Igor, I don't think he'll take on anyone as a local associate." Igor's reply: "That makes no difference to me. I want him to do the best possible job so the name of architect is held high in the area."

Respectfully,

Douglas Haskell

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Editor

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Re: Nomination of Igor Polevitzky
for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

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Dear Sirs:

I am a registered architect (Florida), a member of the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

While a student in the College of Architecture, University of Florida 1946, Igor Polevitzky came to the University for the purpose of giving design instruction and lectures. This contact with Igor Polevitzky gave me a great deal of inspiration as it did the rest of the architectural students. His instruction was one of the highlights of my entire college training.

Upon coming to Miami in 1950 I have found that Igor Polevitzky is a leader among architects, not only in design, but also in service to his community, service to his profession, and is one of the first to be of assistance to the younger men of this area who are trying to make their way in the profession of architecture. I, therefore, would like to add my small voice to those who are supporting the nomination of Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Grafton
EDWARD G. GRAFTON

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The American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

I understand that the name of Igor B. Polevitzky has been placed in nomination for a fellowship by our Florida South Chapter.

During the years that I have known him, I have always been very much impressed with the excellence and originality of his design, and with the technological skill with which he has worked out the details and mechanical problems.

He has also devoted a great deal of time and effort to the advancement of architectural education, but perhaps his most outstanding contribution is his untiring service to the Institute in the various offices he has held, and in the excellence of his committee work.

I am very happy to recommend that Igor Polevitzky be given every consideration for the high honor of Fellowship in the A.I.A.

Sincerely,

Norman A. Skeels

NORMAN A. SKEELS

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Gentlemen:

The Florida South Chapter has nominated Igor Polevitzky for Fellowship in the Institute under the categories of "Achievement in Design", "Education", and "Service to the Institute".

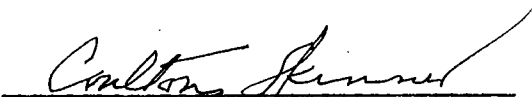
Undoubtedly, the biographical data and record of achievement which you have in your hands concerning Mr. Polevitzky will be convincing evidence as to his worthiness to be advanced to Fellowship. By way of supplementing such factual information, - in the many years we have known Mr. Polevitzky, he has shown the highest devotion to Architecture as a Profession and maintained the Institute's standards of professional relationship with his clients and fellow Architects.

His work speaks for itself; therefore this letter is limited, in the vernacular, to a "character reference". On this basis, we wish to tell you that Mr. Polevitzky has our unqualified support for Fellowship in the Institute.

Sincerely yours,


John L. Skinner, F.A.I.A.


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Gentlemen:

I understand that Igor B. Polevitzky, of the Florida South Chapter, has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute on the basis of achievement in design, education, and service to the Institute. I would like to second this nomination and urge that Mr. Polevitzky be advanced to Fellowship. I am very familiar with his accomplishments in design and believe that he is one of the few Florida architects who have found a design medium which truly expresses that particular climate and fulfills its needs.

His colleagues in Florida are more qualified to speak of accomplishments in education and service to the Institute, but I know from many conversations with him that he has a sincere desire to bring well trained young men into the profession and has devoted a large part of his professional career to objective service in behalf of the Institute and the practicing profession.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Creighton
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The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.
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Re: Igor Boris Polevitzky
Nomination for Fellowship

Dear Sirs:

This is written as an enthusiastic endorsement of Fellowship for Igor Polevitzky.

Achievement in Design:

Believe Polevitzky to be the man most eligible in this category for Fellowship in the State of Florida. His work is ingenious and inspirational. The work is not "paper" designing, but incorporates an amazing amount of technical research (climate control, lighting research, etc). Each job is carefully detailed. He uses materials, textures and color with skill. His work has had a wide influence in this area.

Achievement in Education

I have talked to a dean, two professors, one instructor and several students of architectural schools, and have from them all a deep respect and appreciation of Polevitzky's lectures and instruction while acting as visiting critic. The nominee has accepted an invitation from Washington University starting in February. While this work brings an inner satisfaction, it can only be done at considerable sacrifice to private practice. The time spent by the nominee in local television, radio and lectures is noteworthy.

Service to The Institute

My individual endorsement of recognition under this heading is based on the results obtained by the nominee while serving in office and on committee work. Nothing lies dormant which is under his control. He feels strongly that architects as a group must be respected, and his work has brought credit to the local chapter and to the Florida Association of Architects from the A.G.C., the Miami Builders Exchange and officials in the numerous municipal building departments.

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In 1953 the nominee was President of The Florida Association of Architects; he had important work in his office, and was not well physically. When the Chapter president wanted an experienced man to act as a leader to try once more for a unified code in south Florida, no one would accept the appointment. Polevitzky volunteered. The job was properly organized, and in less than a year the municipalities have agreed to have a unified code written.

This example shows the nominee's spirit and willingness to work. He is of unusual value to the Institute, and recognition of this type of devotion to the profession is certainly indicated.

Sincerely,



RUSSELL T. PANCOAST, F.A.I.A.

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The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In proposing the nomination of Igor B. Polevitzky to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, we, of the Florida South Chapter, feel that we are presenting for this honor an individual who is an honor and a credit, not only to his home state, but to the nation at large, and to the English speaking portions of the world.

During the fifteen or eighteen years that I have known Mr. Polevitzky, I have been very aware of his energetic and enthusiastic work in the advancement of the profession of architecture. He has produced in the Miami area a number of buildings which have been nationally acclaimed as outstanding pieces of architecture. Among these are included the Albion Hotel on Miami Beach, the Shelbourne Hotel, the Golden Strand Apartments, and the Golden Gate Hotel on Miami Beach. The Wall Studio Apartments, the Travelers House, the Shoreman House, and the Pickin' Chicken Restaurant, also of Miami Beach. Included in his work since the war is the Heller House, which, as you will all remember, received a great amount of publicity, not only in architectural magazines, but also in Life Magazine, where one entire issue was devoted to the house.

Mr. Polevitzky's clean, simple, functional architecture, with its direct and straightforward analysis of problems and its daring and dramatic use of structural materials, has brought him considerable acclaim from architectural critics, and has created a considerable demand for his talents as itinerant Professor of Design at such well known institutions of higher education as the University of Illinois, Cornell University, and the University of Florida. Mr. Polevitzky served as Professor of Design for an extended period at the University of Illinois in 1946, and again in 1947. In 1950 he was called to Cornell University as Professor of Design over a limited period of time, and in 1952 served in the same capacity at the University of Florida.

His lectures at these institutions concerned lighting, temporary architecture, building codes, art in architecture, and architectural services. Numerous lectures and articles have been written by Mr. Polevitzky for publication in newspapers and trade magazines, dealing with architecture and its relation to the public and allied arts. A number of these lectures have been delivered to contractual groups, groups of realtors, women's clubs, and art groups, in addition to the student groups in architecture.

In 1953, as a result of his continued service to the State and to institutions of higher learning in areas outside of the State of Florida, Mr. Polevitzky was awarded the University of Florida Centennial Award for outstanding leadership and distinguished service to the people of Florida. This is the first time this award has ever been made to a practicing architect who was not a graduate of the University.

In the Florida South Chapter, Mr. Polevitzky has served as a Corporate Member since 1941. In 1942 he was Secretary of the Chapter, and in 1946 he was Chairman for the National A.I.A. Convention held here that year. In 1947 Mr. Polevitzky was elected President of the Florida South Chapter, and in 1948 a Director of the Florida Association of Architects. This year he also served on the Executive Committee and was Chairman of the Committee on Practice for the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. In 1949, Mr. Polevitzky continued to serve as Director of the Florida Association of Architects, and held several Committee Chairmanships, most important of which was the Joint Technical Information Committee of the A.I.A. This was followed in 1950 with the continuation of his activities on the Executive Committee of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., a membership in the National A.I.A. Technical Information Committee with the Producers' Council. In 1951 found Mr. Polevitzky again Chairman of the Joint Technical Information Committee of the Florida South Chapter, and in 1952 he was elected Vice President of the Florida Association of Architects, and a member of the Legislative Committee of the F.A.A. In 1953 and '54, Mr. Polevitzky has been President of the Florida Association of Architects, and in addition has held several Chairmanships in the Florida South Chapter, A. I.A.

In late 1953 he was appointed Chairman of the Unified Building Code Committee of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A. This Committee was formed in an effort to get together the various organizations which were interested in unifying the Building Codes of Dade County. The 23 communities of Dade County, each with its own variation of a building code, were rapidly presenting such a confused situation regarding building requirements that the local A.I.A. Chapter felt it absolutely necessary to combine these into one unified code. Mr. Polevitzky was selected to head this Unified Code Committee, and members

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were appointed from various other organizations which were interested in the building industry. He has held this Chairmanship on through, and as of the present writing, this Unified Code Committee has obtained financial backing and the consent of each City Commission in the area to the writing of a code which would represent all conditions throughout the County. This, in itself, presents the accomplishment of a major task, inasmuch as it involves close cooperation between two large neighboring cities, namely Miami and Miami Beach, each of which is slightly jealous of the other's activities along building lines.

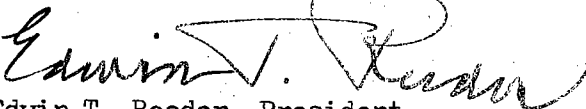
Mr. Polevitzky deserves much of the credit for successfully organizing the publication of the Florida Association of Architects' Bulletin, "The Florida Architect", now being published. This little magazine, now a financial success, has been developed from a two or three page mimeographed bulletin which was formerly published by the Florida Association of Architects.

In order to sum up the classifications under which Mr. Polevitzky is herewith nominated for Fellowship, let me say that in achievement in architectural design, Mr. Polevitzky has been recognized by all of the greater architectural critics in America as being possessed of an unusual talent for clean, straightforward, clear thinking, and for the logical development of his thoughts into outstandingly beautiful structures.

For achievement in education, Mr. Polevitzky's long list of outstanding service to educational institutions, beginning with his years of service at the Miami Industrial Highschool, and ending with his term as Visiting Professor of Design at the University of Florida in 1953, has more than demonstrated that he is offering to the youth of the nation an adequately prepared, thoroughly documented, and forcefully delivered and inspiring service.

His achievements in service to the Institute, as witnessed by the long list of offices which he has held and which he has successfully prosecuted, by his faithful and efficient service in the Joint Technical Information Committee, and by his persevering and outstanding leadership in our Joint Local Technical Codes Committee, which has so fruitfully come to a conclusion, bears witness to his selfless devotion to his time and knowledge in order to further the profession, itself.

Very truly yours,


Edwin T. Reeder, President
Florida South Chapter, A.I.A.

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cc: Mr. Russell T. Pancoast
Mr. Igor B. Polevitzky

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October 20, 1954

The Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Avenue
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Gentlemen:

It is a privilege to support the nomination by the Florida South Chapter AIA of Igor B. Polevitsky for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

While I have admired Mr. Polevitsky's achievements in Design for many years, my closest association has been in connection with architectural education. At Cornell we have a policy of inviting distinguished architects and designers to join us as Visiting Critics for five-week periods. During the academic year, 1950-51, we extended such an invitation to Igor Polevitsky, realizing that he could take five weeks out of an active practice in Florida only at considerable personal inconvenience and financial sacrifice.

Mr. Polevitsky not only came but contributed to our program far beyond the call of duty. All of us on this faculty were impressed with his sound approach to Architecture, with his quick intelligence, his ability to communicate ideas and to inspire students. I consider Igor Polevitsky's contribution to the teaching of students at Cornell reflected great credit not only on him but on the American Institute of Architects. Young students of Architecture are highly impressionable. They sometimes get the idea that sensitivity in design is an attribute only of those showmen who reject the work of all others and who scorn all professional organizations, including the American Institute of Architects. In Polevitsky, they saw an Architect whose acknowledged talents as a designer they respected and at the same time a man who has devoted his energies to the advancement of Architecture and his fellow Architects through hard work on committees of the Institute, and service to his Chapter and State Association.

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In my judgment Igor Plevitsky is eminently deserving
of the high honor of Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Mackesey
Thomas W. Mackesey, AIA
Dean

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October 19, 1954

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The American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

I am delighted to learn that the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has nominated Igor Boris Polevitzky for elevation to Fellowship in The Institute. In elevating such a person to this high rank, The Institute would honor not only itself, but the entire profession of architecture because, in my opinion, Igor Polevitzky is one of the outstanding architects working in the South today.

On the occasion of the Centennial of the University of Florida in 1953, members of the faculty of each college were asked to nominate various persons who had rendered meritorious service to the University and to the State. Igor Polevitzky was one of four persons in the area of architecture and the arts cited by the University at the Centennial Convocation. His citation attests the high regard which the faculty of the College of Architecture and Allied Arts and the University of Florida feel toward him: "From the Albion Hotel to the Heller House, your contributions to Florida architecture have captured the imagination of the nation. As president of your professional society, you symbolize in your person and in your work the progressive approach to architecture as a living art in Florida. For your distinguished contribution in the field of architectural design, the University of Florida makes this Centennial Award."

The contribution which Igor Polevitzky has made to architectural education is well known on college campuses. Igor is always ready to interrupt his busy practice to make noteworthy contributions to the public and to students. He has given of his own time and substance freely to work with our faculty and students here at the University of Florida, and from his precept and example the young men and women in the College of Architecture and Allied Arts have derived much which will be of value to them both now and in the future.

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Typical of Igor Polevitzky's attitude toward architectural education is an incident which occurred at an annual meeting of the Florida Association of Architects in St. Petersburg last fall. The Association was debating a recommendation from the Florida North Chapter concerning professional practice by teachers of architecture. Igor Polevitzky, who was presiding at the meeting, called upon the secretary to take the chair, took the floor, and spoke with unassailable logic and tremendous effectiveness on behalf of the resolution so that it was adopted almost unanimously.

It is a high privilege to have the honor of recommending Igor Boris Polevitzky for elevation to Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



William T. Arnett
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American Institute of Architects
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Gentlemen:

I wish to request your earnest consideration of the nomination of Igor B. Polevitzky to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Igor for many years and consider him a most worthy nominee for this honor.

He has been most active in the Institute affairs, and has constantly held some important office in the Florida South Chapter of the American Institute of Architects or the Florida Association of Architects, since his becoming a member of the American Institute of Architects in 1941. (A list of which was submitted with the Chapter's nomination.)

As a result of his continued activity, he has accomplished much in behalf of his profession, some of which are as follows:

- (1) Assistance in the accomplishment of the Unification Program of the American Institute of Architects.
- (2) The development of the Florida Association of Architects into an important organization representing the professional standing of the Architectural Profession in our State.
- (3) Assistance and leadership in the development of the Unified Code which is now becoming a reality.
- (4) Leadership in the development of the Florida Association Bulletin, later the "Florida Architect".

Igor's achievements in architectural design has been outstanding and has been recognized on national and international levels. Some outstanding examples of his work are:

- (1) Shelborne Hotel
- (2) Albion Hotel
- (3) The Schulman House

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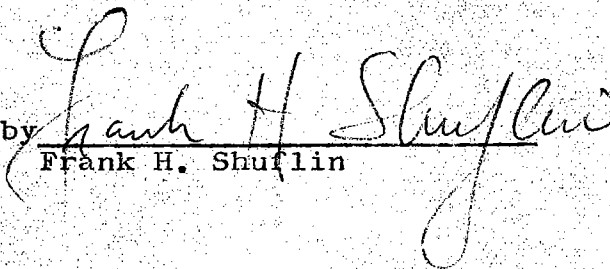
He has devoted much of his time and energy to the development of young aspirants in the profession of Architecture by teaching, lecturing and writing articles.

His teaching, lectures, etc. have been at the University of Illinois, Cornell University, Florida University, as well as local high schools.

He has been very active in the promotion of public relations for the Profession and has appeared at numerous public meetings as guest speaker, as well as television programs pertaining to Architecture and its value to the public.

He is highly intelligent and talented with a keen sense of duty and ethics and is one whom I feel is deservedly entitled to the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely,

by 
Frank H. Shufflin

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Gentlemen:

I wish to wholeheartedly recommend Igor Polevitzky
for Fellowship in A. I. A.

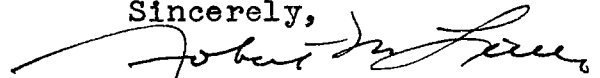
A person as Mr. Polevitzky may be misunderstood by many members of the profession due to his forceful sincerity for the profession. I can assure you that Architecture and progress in the profession stands uppermost in his every day living. His influence and achievements have a great impact on the professional men of tomorrow. He has given tremendous time with the young Architects in his teaching at Universities and association in every day work.

His contribution to revising building codes in this area, his devotion to State Association in helping accomplish better State laws for the profession, and more unified and progressive Association during his term of office and his technical ability in developing unique construction and mechanical elements in his buildings are outstanding.

His contribution to progressive thinking in Architectural design has been most unique. His work is controversial because of his contribution to better architecture.

I do not wish to eliminate the position he has held in the F. A. A. and A. I. A. because I feel it is the duty of each and every member to give service to his professional fraternities. The results obtained during this service is commendable and worthy of reward.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Little

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