

In due order  
April 26, 1949  
J.H. Gerovani



Dated January 31, 1949.  
Received April 18, 1949.  
Granted June 15, 1949.

MEMBERSHIP NO 6908

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant.... Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr. .... Chapter Colorado .....
- B Address of applicant... 875 Eudora Street, Denver 7, Colorado .....
- C Applicant proposed by.... Raymond H. Ervin..... and Glenn F. Johnson .....
- D Application received with check for \$.. 10.00... on..... April 18, 1949.
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 .
- F Application in due order on ..... April 26, 1949.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Colo.) Apr. 25, 1949. Received. June 6, 1949.  
Second request (Colo.) May 18, 1949
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... 19...., on 19 .
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19...., on 19 .
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... April 26, 1949.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~or that application be denied~~ received on..... April 18, 1949.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... June 7, 19 49
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... June 7, 19 49
- M Applicant was admitted on..... June 15, 19 49
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on..... June 15, 1949.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$.....  
returned to applicant on..... 19 .


CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

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

Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr.

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

Date June 15, 1949.

  
Secretary

(a)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

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

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



The American Institute of Architects

REC'D APR 18 1949

## APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is **Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr.**

2. I am a **natural** citizen of **The United States**

3. My legal residence is in the City of **Denver**

County of **Denver** State of **Colorado**

4. My address in The Institute records will be

**875 Eudora Street**  
Number Street

**Denver 7,** **Colorado**  
City Zone State

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as an **Associate Architect**

6. I desire to be a member of the **Colorado** Chapter.

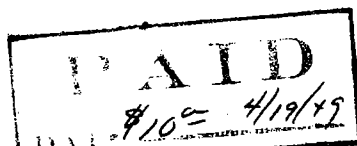
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The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

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

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

Date **January 31,** **1949**

*Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr.*  
Applicant sign full name in ink



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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Feb. 24, 1918 Place of birth Gary, Indiana

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

Colorado

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

Colorado

(c) I hold Certificate No.....of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

EDUCATION

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

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Horace Mann High School	Gary, Indiana	4	1936	--
Univ. of Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	4	1941	B. S. A.
Harvard University	Cambridge, Mass.	1 1/2	-	--
Mass. Inst. Technology	Cambridge, Mass.	1/2	-	--

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

- Scholarship for graduate study, Harvard University
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Fraternity
- Tau Sigma Delta, National Architectural Honor Fraternity
- Medal of Alpha Rho Chi, Univ. of Michigan, 1941

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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

	From	To	
Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., Gary, Ind.	June -36	Sept. -37	Appr. Drftsmn
Joe H. Wildermuth, A.I.A., Gary, Inc.	June -38	Sept. -41	(summers) Drftsmn
Shipbuilding Supv. USN, Seattle Wash.	July -42	July -44	Naval Architect
Walter H. Simon, Arch., Denver, Colorado	Sept. -46	Oct. -47	Chf. Drftsmn
Raymond Harry Ervin, A.I.A., Denver, Colo.	Nov. -47	Jan. -49	Draftsman
Raymond Harry Ervin, A.I.A., Denver, Colo.	Jan. -49	present	Associate

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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

From

To

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Junior Associate of Colorado Chapter from 1-48 to present
- 20. Student Associate of Univ. of Michigan Chapter from 11-40 to 6-41 ✓
- 21. Member of State Organization in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

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

I have known the applicant for 2 years.

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✓ Signed Raymond V. Levin  
 Proposer  
Patterson Bldg. Denver, Colo.  
 Address

✓ Signed Glenn F. Johnson  
 Proposer  
Patterson Bldg. Denver Colo  
 Address



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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr., Denver, Colorado  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Denver, Colo.  
Address

Dear Sir:

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

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

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

Date May 18 1949

[Signature] Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? no
3. What was the scope of the examination? standard junior NCARB examinations
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 36 hours; Oral examination 1/2 hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no. If so, give Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of first registration Jan 18 1949 Registration No. B-253 Is it current? yes

[Signature]  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date June 1 1949

Colorado State Board of Examiners of Archts.  
(Name of Board)

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

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June 15, 1949

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Colorado Chapter, effective June 15, 1949. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

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

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

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

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. Ralph DeLos Peterson, Jr., A.I.A.  
875 Eudora Street  
Denver 7, Colorado

CWD/kk  
Enclosures

**Ralph D. Peterson**

ARCHITECT

ARTHUR T. AUBURN, A. I. A. • ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT

1701 - 1707 GILPIN STREET  
DENVER 18, COLO. • EA 2-7785

MEMBER  AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

May 1, 1956

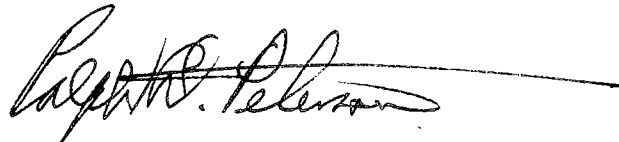
Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago my associate, Mr. Auburn, wrote you requesting information concerning membership in the Colorado Chapter and the National Chapter. The telephone company has requested information regarding our listing, and if it is our decision to drop out of the local Chapter, but to remain as members at large, would it be right and proper for us to continue the use of the A.I.A. membership on our letterhead?

I realize that these are busy days while you are preparing for the convention, but would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



RALPH D. PETERSON, ARCHITECT

RDP:f

*members  
Peterson, Ralph D.*

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June 1, 1956

Mr. Ralph D. Peterson, AIA  
1701-1707 Gilpin Street  
Denver 18, Colorado

Dear Mr. Peterson:

This is in response to your letter of May 1, which unfortunately arrived just before we left for the Institute Convention, and we are now trying to catch up on work which was left behind and which was brought on by the Convention itself. We regret the delay.

It is not possible for a member of The Institute to drop out of a local chapter, as chapter and Institute membership are concurrent for all corporate members. There is no membership-at-large.

If you have any further questions, we shall be happy to try to answer them, and will assure you of faster service now that the Convention is over.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Rankin  
Administrative Secretary

JWR:mi



Maureen

Ralph D. Peterson, Architect

120 D Brebeuf Drive, Fairfield, N. J. 14526

November 16, 1968

Dean Sidney W. Little, FAIA  
College of Architecture  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona 85721

Little says accept  
resignation — WJ

My dear Dean Little:

Your recent form letter is the first of the several prompting letters from the AIA which I have felt like answering. Until I had your letter, I had almost firmly decided that corporate membership in the AIA was totally worthless to me, as an employee of one of the giant superfirms (SOM). I am reminded of my experience with Mountain States Telephone about one week before I departed for 6 months duty in Vietnam. After paying over \$23,000.00 in phone bills, I missed paying a bill for \$22.00, and the service was promptly disconnected. Now, after association for most of the time since 1938 with the AIA, I face the same fate.

The fact that you have had to use the term "shockingly large number" is upsetting, but not in the least surprising to me. Let's face it. The day of the small independent practitioner is almost history. With increasingly rugged competition from package builders, engineers practicing architecture, nationally known design specialists in several fields, and even worse competition from some of the licensed practitioners, there is little meat left on the bones to divide among these firms which are still trying to produce good architecture within the bounds of ethical practice. In the face of all this, with architects dropping out left and right, the national body blindly pleads along and decides to go "Madison Avenue", and even raise the dues! The cart got hooked up on the wrong end of the horse on this one, so from here on it will be necessary to push the cart, not pull it.

Frankly, I got fed up with pushing my own cart some time ago, when I had to file 3 claims against GSA, in order to recover fees long past due. This was a very expensive and exhausting process, wherein I was forced to pay large sums for legal services, and the AIA was no help at all. In fact, while I was battling in Washington with GSA officials, the national body was losing a vital battle with Congress on maximum fees and competitive bidding on fees. Fighting on my own, I won on all three of my claims. The net result of my "victories" was an intense and apparently vindictive investigation of my income taxes, which, by the way, were discovered to be 100% in order. This final blow affected my health permanently, and I was encouraged to give up the rigors of private practice, where one must constantly be in condition to climb mountains. According to my unofficial tabulation, I was about the 40th architect to leave Denver over a period of three years. There must have been something wrong.

The members of the AIA are constantly urged to get involved in community activities. I happen to be one of those persons who took this admonition seriously. A list of some of my activities is enclosed for your perusal.

The Rochester AIA has invited me to transfer my membership. SOM does not reimburse its field personnel for this sort of thing.

All of the honors and design awards I have won have been from outside the AIA. I fought the good fight for 17 years and seem to have lost for now. Seriously, why should I remain a corporate member of the AIA?

Most sincerely yours,

*Ralph D. Peterson*  
Ralph D. Peterson

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Colorado

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# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## Notice of Resignation of Membership

To Executive Committee

Colorado  
(NAME OF CHAPTER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF STATE ORGANIZATION)

You are hereby notified that Ralph D. Peterson resigned his membership in The Institute and in its components noted above on November 16, 19 68.

Please give notice thereof to your members and remove his name from your rolls.

Date December 11, 1968

(SECRETARY)

P. S. This action is taken while Mr. Peterson is indebted for 1968 AIA dues.