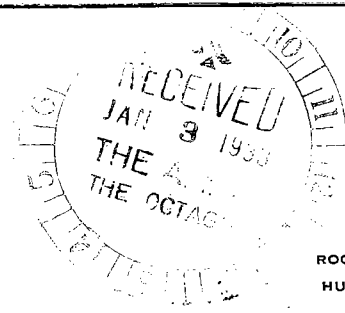


JAMES PURDON
ARCHITECT
PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING
89 BROAD STREET
COR. FRANKLIN
60 BATTERYMARCH STREET
BOSTON, MASS.



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December 27, 1932.

To the
President and Members of the American Institute of Architects,
Frank C. Baldwin, Esq., Secretary,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.,

Gentlemen:

I hereby tender my resignation from membership in the
American Institute of Architects, effective as of this date;
and beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Purdon".

*1933 Boston
1932 dues paid*

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 4, 1933

Dear Mr. Purden:

This will acknowledge, with regret, your letter of December 27th, tendering your resignation as a member of the Institute, effective December 31, 1932.

As you know, severance of Institute membership also carries with it termination of Chapter membership.

Neither the Institute nor the Boston Chapter can afford to lose your affiliation and support.

The Officers and Directors of the Institute are keenly aware of the financial problems which confront every practicing architect. If you contemplate resignation for such reasons I wish to write as follows:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute it was directed that resignations of members, submitted on account of the economic crisis, be not accepted at present. Therefore, the Institute asks that you continue your affiliation with the national body and with the Boston Chapter - on the understanding that at the end of 1933, if conditions have not improved, your resignation will be accepted by the Institute, effective December 31, 1932 - if you so request.

May I add a personal word to this general statement of policy? We simply cannot afford to lose from the Institute men like yourself. Many of us believe that 1933 will show some improvement in the practice of architecture. We must stand together, and we must carry on.

Please accept this letter as confidential, and please be advised that we are continuing you on the records at The Octagon as an active member of the Institute and the Boston Chapter - throughout the year 1933 - unless you specifically order otherwise.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. James Purdon,
89 Broad Street,
Boston, Mass.

Secretary.

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Frank C. Baldwin, Esq.,
Secretary The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, #1741 New York Avenue, Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Thank you sincerely for your kind favor of the 4th inst. in regard to my letter of resignation from membership in the Institute under date of the 27th ult., contents of which you ask me to keep confidential as I trust I may ask you to do this.

It was only with the utmost reluctance financial considerations at last forced me to take the step I have warded off for the past two years, and to terminate an association I have enjoyed as a member of the Boston Chapter for over 28 years now. But with substantially the last vestige of work gone from my practice, and at the same time carrying a burden of expense both at home and in the office, there seemed no other recourse.

Appreciating your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

James Purdon

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January 17, 1934

My dear Mr. Purdon:

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute your resignation was reported, but was not acted upon.

The members of the Committee did not want to lose your support of the Institute and the Boston Chapter at this critical time for the architectural profession.

In view of the recommendation of the Committee, to be made to the Convention, that the dues be reduced and that old accounts be readjusted, it is hoped that you can find it possible to continue your membership.

Herewith is copy of President Russell's letter of January 1st, which is self-explanatory.

If the new plan is approved your indebtedness of \$25.00 for 1933 will be remitted; you will be entitled to a credit of \$5.00 a year on the books of the Institute for the next five years; and your net annual dues for 1934 will be \$10.00.

There will be a meeting of the Board in early May, in advance of the Convention. It is specially requested that you advise as to your wishes in this matter - that is, shall your resignation stand, or will you continue with the Institute and the Chapter under the conditions indicated above.

But we hope very much that you will follow the latter course.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. James Purdon,
89 Broad Street,
Boston, Mass.

Executive Secretary.

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January 27, 1934

Dear Mr. Richmond:

Responding to your letter of January 19th, with regard to resignations of William V. Cash and James Purdon:

In the case of Mr. Cash, we do not have a resignation pending. He paid his dues to the Institute for the year 1931, and he is carried on the rolls as a member in good standing. Under the plan to be proposed to the Convention for the readjustment of unpaid dues for 1931 to 1933, inclusive, he is indebted for dues for 1934, only, in the amount of \$15.00.

In the case of Mr. Purdon, his resignation is being held in suspense. Under date of January 17th, we wrote to him, advising him of the proposed plan for adjusting back dues which will be submitted to the Convention, and asked him if he would not reconsider his resignation and retain his membership. A copy of that letter was sent to President Gray of your Chapter, and perhaps he has turned it over to you, by now.

If we hear from Mr. Purdon, withdrawing his resignation, we will advise you; otherwise, the resignation will probably be submitted to the Board of Directors at its meeting in May.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Isidor Richmond, Secretary,
Boston Chapter, A. I. A.,
248 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

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Dec 31, 1932

The American Institute of Architects
Washington, D. C.

New England Division
Hubert G. Ripley, Director
45 Bromfield St., Boston

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September 14, 1934

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Exec. Sec. A. I. A.
1741 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

In reference to copies of letters under date of September 6th to Messrs. Kingsbury, Rand, and Purdon, I beg to report as follows:

Mr. Kingsbury is no longer practicing architecture. I learned that he had given this up a year or two ago and was devoting himself to landscape architecture. Due to lack of business, he is reduced to marts of trad, and I feel certain that it would be futile to expect him to continue his membership in the Institute.

In reference to Mr. Rand, I had a very pleasant chat with him and he is teetering between the edges of hope and disaster. He has a little business and I urged him to stay in the Institute and pay something on account. From the way he talked, I think there is a fair prospect of his doing this.

Mr. Purdon on the contrary, is simply rolling in wealth. He has a nice fat alteration job for one of the oldest banks in Boston. He was out of town and I cannot get in touch with him over the telephone, but am dropping him a line and see no reason why he should not retain his Institute membership.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

(S) H. G. Ripley

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January 30, 1935

Dear Mr. Richmond:

The resignations of Messrs. James Purdon and Roger G. Rand, Institute members of the Boston Chapter, have been pending for a long time.

When they were submitted - we believe because of financial difficulties - they were in good standing with respect to Institute dues.

But the Executive Committee did not accept the resignations - in view of depression conditions. Messrs. Purdon and Rand were so advised, and in a letter, of September 6, 1934, the Secretary of the Institute wrote to them personally - seeking a reconsideration.

Apparently, Messrs. Purdon and Rand wish their resignations to stand. The Executive Committee, at its December, 1934, meeting, directed that they be accepted, subject to the approval of the Boston Chapter.

Unless you think some action on your part, or by the Executive Committee of the Chapter will save their memberships, please advise that the Chapter gives its approval to the acceptance of the resignations as of December 31, 1932, for Mr. Purdon; and as of December 31, 1931, for Mr. Rand.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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BOSTON CHAPTER

February 9, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Kamper:

I am writing to inform you of the resolution passed at a business meeting of the Boston Society of Architects, held on February 5, 1935.

Resolved: That this chapter gives its approval to the resignations of Messrs. James Purdon (December 31, 1932) and Roger Rand (December 31, 1931) as of the dates noted.
Voted.

Will you kindly let me know when action is taken in regard to these two resignations by the directors of the Institute so that I can mark them as resigned on my records.

Sincerely,

(S) ISIDOR RICHMOND

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February 19, 1935

Dear Mr. Purdon:

This will advise you that at the December, 1934, meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute, your resignation as a member in good standing in the Institute and the Boston Chapter was accepted, with regret, effective December 31, 1932.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

We hope that when conditions improve you will become reinstated to membership in the Institute. The procedure is simple, and as outlined in the attached excerpt from the By-laws.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/g
Enc.

Mr. James Purdon,
89 Broad Street,
Boston, Mass.

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