



Dated March 12, 19 47.  
Received April 14, 19 47.  
Granted November 14, 19 47

In due order  
April 18, 19 47  
J. J. Gerovais

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant... Rene Octavio Ramirez... Chapter New York
- B Address of applicant... 1508 Maribel, Terraza del Parque, Santurce, Puerto Rico
- C Applicant proposed by... Frederick Morris Wells... and... Thomas W. Mackesey...
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00... on... April 14, 19 47.
- E Application returned for correction... 19 .
- F Application in due order on... April 18 19 47.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (P.R.) Apr. 14, 19 47. Received August 8, 1947.  
Sent again (P.R.) May 19, 1947  
" " (P.R.) July 10, 1947 "
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... May 18, 1947, on April 18, 19 47.
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on... June 18, 19 47, on May 19, 19 47
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on... April 18, 19 47.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~or that application be denied~~ received on... October 22, 19 47
- J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... November 6, 1947.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... November 6, 19 47
- M Applicant was admitted on... November 14, 1947 .
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on... November 14, 19 47
- 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  
Rene Octavio Ramirez  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the New York Chapter.

Date November 14, 19 47

Alexander C. Pollock III  
Secretary

(a)

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APR 14 AM 9:53

WASHINGTON, D. C.



## 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

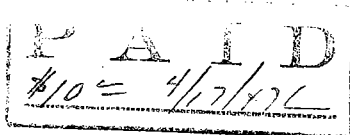
## APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is RENE OCTAVIO RAMIREZ
2. I am a Natural citizen of United States  
2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of San Juan  
County of Santurce State of Puerto Rico
4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Number 1508 Street Maribel, Terraza del Parque  
City Santurce State Puerto Rico  
(or P.O. Box 2005 San Juan, P.R.)  
4. State whether residence or office address.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Practicing Architect & Public Official  
5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the New York Chapter.
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, 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. 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 March 12 19 47

*Rene O. Ramirez*  
Applicant sign full name in ink



## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth October 5, 1922 Place of birth Santurce, Puerto Rico

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

Puerto Rico

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

Puerto Rico

(c) I hold Certificate No. 1550 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:

<i>Name of School, College University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Central High School	Puerto Rico	1		
Gordon Military College	Georgia	1		
Randolph Macon Military S.	Virginia	1	1939	Diploma
Cornell University	Ithaca, N.Y.	5	1945	Bachelor of Architecture

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships and have traveled in the following-named countries:

## 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:

1- Ithaca Gun Co. at Ithaca N.Y. Assistant to the Production Engineer. Mr. W.H. Elwood - Ithaca Gun Co. Ithaca, N.Y.

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).

In Puerto Rico.

- 1- Assistant Architect at the Municipal Housing Authority of the Capital of Puerto Rico since July 1945 and I am still holding that position.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

In Puerto Rico. (Practicing Architect)

- 1- Complete set of plans for an Office Building for the Porto Rican Express Co. and construction of same.
2- Complete set of plans for an 18 class room Private School and inspection of same.
3- Private residences

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 Chapter from to
20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
21. Member of State Organization in from to

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

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

I have known the applicant for two years. I have known the applicant for 5 years.

Signed Frederick Morris Wells Proposer

Signed Thomas W. Mackesy Proposer

College of Architecture
Cornell University
Ithaca, N.Y.

College of Architecture
Cornell University
Ithaca N.Y.

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APR 14 AM 9:53

WASHINGTON, D. C.

René O. Ramirez

Architect  
8 Maribel St.  
Terraza del Parque  
Sanurce, P. R.

April 10, 1947

To The Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue,  
N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed you will find my application for Corporate Membership to the American Institute of Architects. Also my check No. 167 for the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) with credit on the Royal Bank of Canada.

I sent the duplicate, on yellow paper, to the Secretary of the Local Chapter of the Institute in New York; to whom the Island of Puerto Rico is assigned to.

Yours very truly,



RENE O. RAMIREZ  
Cornell University

ROR/gmr

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Rene Octavio Ramirez, Santurce, Puerto Rico  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
San Juan, P. R.  
*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 July 10, 1947

Alexander C. Robinson III  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? YES
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? YES or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Applied Mathematics; Building Construction and Structural Design; History of Architecture; Professional Practice and Architectural Design.
4. What was the period of the examination? 5 days. Written examination 22 hours; Oral examination \_\_\_\_\_ 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 August 14 1945. Registration No. 1550. Is it current? YES

Guilberto Doll  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date August 6 19 47

Puerto Rico Bd. of Examiners of Engrs., etc.  
(Name of Board)

## EXAMINATIONS FOR ARCHITECTS

Place: Office of the Board

Fee : \$25.00 (money order or certified check  
to the order of the Treasurer of P.R.)

Date :

Prepared by:

### APPLIED MATHEMATICS:-

(1:30 to 4:30 P.M., first day)

Graphic statics  
Shades and Shadows  
Perspective

### BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN:-

(1:30 to 4:30 P.M., second day)

Including design of beams, columns,  
footings, trusses, stairs, etc.  
Practical knowledge of details in  
carpentry, stonework, concrete, metal  
plumbing, electrical work, heating and  
ventilation.

### HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE:-

(1:30 to 4:30 P.M., third day)

History of ornament  
History of the various styles  
History of the Early Architecture  
History of contemporate architecture  
Decorative motifs  
sculpture and painting.

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE:-

(1:30 to 4:30 P.M., fourth day)

Legal documents  
Insurance  
Contracts  
Specifications  
Estimating  
Sanitary codes  
building regulations  
Ethics.

### ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN:-

(8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., fifth day)

A ten hour "Esquisse" based on a given  
problem indicating the main requirements  
and plan of site, etc.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

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 New York Chapter, effective November 14, 1947. 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. Rene Octavio Ramirez, A.I.A.  
1503 Maribel  
Terraza del Parque  
Santurce, Puerto Rico

ACR/kk

Enclosure

cc to: Proposers - Mr. Frederick Morris Wells, A.I.A.  
Mr. Thomas W. Mackesey, A.I.A.

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FILES      PRESIDENT      SECRETARY      TREASURER



RENE O. RAMIREZ, A. I. A.  
A R C H I T E C T  
P. O. BOX 2005 SAN JUAN, P. R.

375 *overpaid*

December 8, 1947

REC'D DEC 10 1947

Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III, Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.

*Stand Pr.  
List Dec.*

Dear Sir:

Received yours dated November 14 and I want to assure you that I feel it an honor to have been accepted to the A.I.A. I presume you will sent the rules and regulations of the Institute at your earliest convenience, besides certificate and whatever things a new member is to received.

*By Law's*

Would you kindly give me the name and addresses of the A.I.A. members residing here in Puerto Rico, so that I can get in contact with them, meet them, etc., etc.?

*M. Dir*

During the past months, I have been preparing a series of articles, which I plan to have publish in our daily paper here in Puerto Rico, regarding the Architects profession, and would greatly appreciate any help that the A.I.A. can give me.

In my short years of experience practicing the profession, I find that the back bone of all the troubles of an Architect here, arise from the misinterpretation the people have regarding his services. Inasmuch as the majority of the professionals are Civil Engineer's, I found after personal interviews, that the people consider the Architect a draftsman for the Civil Engineer, something that is quite obscure and rather troublesome.

At present, things are beginning to turn, for we have now several Architectural firms in Puerto Rico. But they have to subdue to the contracting field in order to maintain their offices and earn enough to live comfortably.

I propose to inform the people of Puerto Rico, by means of a short series of articles, what an Architect is, his duties to the community and client, what kind of a person he is suppose to be, and what his services mean to them.

I do not expect to get results immediately, but I sincerely hope that all the effort I will make and continue to, will at least start the ball rolling and someday the Architect here will be able to stand on solid ground, and be recognize and appraise

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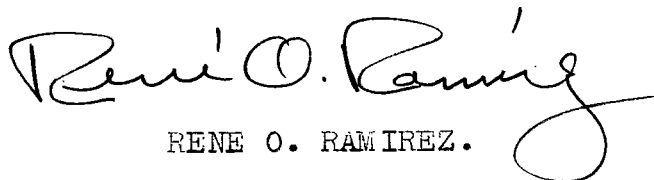
Mr. Alexander C. Robinson III.

for just what he is, an Architect.

If the A.I.A. has any written information in the form of books, pamphlet, etc., regarding this subject, I would be very happy to have that material as a source of reference, for I am sure it will be most helpful.

Regarding dues, membership certificate, etc., please inform me if I am up today and if not, bill me accordingly. Has the A.I.A. a lapel button and watch chain charm as the American Society of Civil Engineers?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rene O. Ramirez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

RENE O. RAMIREZ.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

2 B. Ramirez  
COPY  
for  
Mr. Rankin

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12-18-47  
December 17, 1947

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

Re: Articles in San Juan, P.R. on the Practice  
of Architecture

As you have been advised by Mr. J. W. Rankin under date of September 10, your letter to Mr. Alexander C. Robinson, III, of December 8 has been referred to me for further response.

The A.I.A. has been working for some time on a pamphlet which will contain the answers to the questions you have asked in your letter. It will probably be some little while before this pamphlet is available for distribution.

In the meantime, I suggest that you make use of the following documents: the "Hand Book of Architectural Practice", and the pamphlet, "Architecture—A Profession and A Career", a copy of which is enclosed.

I think, too, you will find that there is a good deal of information in the Journal and the Bulletins that you have been receiving. If your file of these publications is not up-to-date, please let me know and we will send you some back numbers.

On the whole, we have found that we are continually having to educate the public on the nature of the architect and the value of his service.

You will also be interested in the work which the Chairman of the Committee on the Architect and Governmental Relations is carrying on with respect to Congressional contacts.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. J. Fraser Smith, in the event that you have not already heard from him. I believe it will be advisable that the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, Mr. Antonio Fernos-Isern, be contacted. Mr. Smith can give you full information and instructions on this score.

Wishing you all success, I am  
ERP/ag Enclosure

Yours sincerely,

cc: Mr. J. Fraser Smith, Chairman  
Committee on the Architect and  
Governmental Relations, A.I.A.

Edmund R. Purves, Director  
Public and Professional Relations,

Mr. Rene O. Ramirez, A.I.A.  
1508 Maribel, Terraza del Parque  
Santurce, Puerto Rico

RENE O. RAMIREZ, A. I. A.  
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March 18, 1949

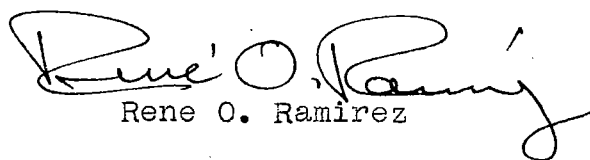
Douglas W. Orr  
President  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please note my new address; letter head. In the future kindly send me all meeting, voting notices, etc.; Via Air Mail as notices up to date have arrived after activity has taken place making it impossible to attend same and be up to date in current events.

You may decide upon the most convenient way for paying for all the mailing charges; and I will be more than glad to re-emburse the A.I.A. at what ever time I am bill for same.

Sincerely,

  
Rene O. Ramirez

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Ralph Walker

<sup>1st</sup>  
Kenneth Wischneyer 2nd V. Pres.

March 24, 1949

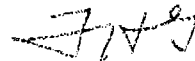
Dear Mr. Ramirez:

Thank you for your letter of March 18 giving your new address. We shall change our records so that your address will appear as shown on this letter.

In order that you may receive notices and other information concerning the activities of The Institute in good time, we have made a note that all communications to you be sent by airmail. There will be no charge to you for this service.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,



For the Executive Director

Mr. Rene O. Ramirez, A.I.A.  
P. O. Box 2005  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

PHG:B

cc to - Mrs. Miller  
Mr. Baylor  
Miss Becker

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Members  
Ramirez, R



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NOTICE OF TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP

July 26, 1966

To: Corporate Members, Puerto Rico Chapter, AIA  
Secretary, New York Chapter, AIA  
Secretary, Puerto Rico Chapter, AIA  
Executive Director, New York State Association  
of Architects, AIA

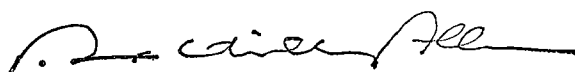
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the Bylaws of the Institute, this will advise that the following named corporate members have been transferred from the New York Chapter, AIA, and New York State Association of Architects, AIA, to the Puerto Rico Chapter, AIA, effective April 21, 1966.

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ovidio Acosta              | Robert J. Alderdice       |
| Hector R. Amezcuita        | Angel Aviles              |
| Joaquin Rodriguez Benitez  | Jose Luis Basora Benitez  |
| John F. Beidleman          | Hector I. Bonilla Norat   |
| Carl B. Brunner, Jr.       | Lionel A. Fernandez       |
| *David P. C. Chang         | Emilio Cividanes Freiria  |
| Jose L. Collazo            | Jorge V. Davila, Jr.      |
| Henry T. C. Davis          | Lorenzo R. de Arellano    |
| *Jose A. Fernandez         | *Horacio Diaz             |
| Augusto R. Gautier         | Carlos Andres Fitzpatrick |
| Henry Klumb                | James Torres Gaztambide   |
| Hector Llenza              | Carlos F. Lavandero       |
| Thomas S. Marvel           | Manuel C. Martinez        |
| *Antonio Miro Montilla     | Francisco Menendez, Jr.   |
| *Efrer Morales Serrano     | Eduardo Molinari Soler    |
| Rene O. Ramirez            | Miguel Ferrer Rincon      |
| William Martinez Roig      | Eloy Ruiz                 |
| *Carlos R. Sanz            | Gilberto G. Seijo         |
| Orval E. Sifontes          | William Francis Sigal     |
| *Enrique Rafael Soler, Jr. | Sal Salvador Soltero      |
| *E. William Thun           | Francisco Maiz-del Toro   |
| Wellington Wells, III      | *Osvaldo L. Toro          |
| William H. Truex, Jr.      | Vicente Vazquez           |
| Armando Vargas             |                           |

Please adjust your records accordingly.

Sincerely yours,



Rex Whitaker Allen, FAIA, Secretary

\* - Charter Members

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TO

The American Institute of Architects  
1785 Massachussets Avenue, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20036

FROM

Rene O. Ramirez, A.I.A. Architect  
P. O. BOX 2005  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 00903  
Cable Address RENEFRAM

SUBJECT: 1973 Regular Dues and Supplemental Dues Invoices.

DATE: December 19, 1972.

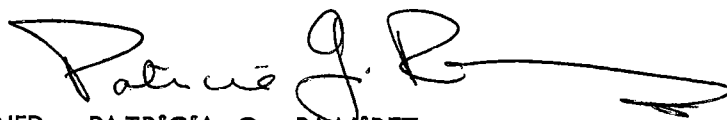
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**MESSAGE**

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that Architect René O. Ramirez passed away on September 25th, 1972.

We hereby return the above mentioned invoices to you. *discarded*



PLEASE REPLY TO → SIGNED PATRICIA G. RAMIREZ

**REPLY**

DEC. 27 1972

*P.R.*

DATE

SIGNED

GRAYARC CO., INC., BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11232

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