



Dated December 6, 1943.
Received December 24, 1943.
Granted February 14, 1944.

MEMBERSHIP NO 2099

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- In due order
December 24, 1943
H. H. [unclear]*
- A Name of applicant. Albert S. Ross Chapter.. Oklahoma.....
- B Address of applicant.. 208 Cummings Building, Ada, Oklahoma.....
- C Applicant proposed by.. Leonard H. Bailey..... and B. Gaylon Naftsgar.....
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00..... on..... December 24, 1943.
- E Application returned for correction..... 19 ..
- F Application in due order on..... December 24, 1943.
- Record of registration, Form 839, Sent (Okla.) Jan. 6, 1944. Received January 14, 1944.
- 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..... January 5, 1944.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~on that application received on~~..... December 24, 1943.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 ..
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... February 8, 1944.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... February 8, 1944.
- M Applicant was admitted on..... February 14, 1944.
- N Notice ~~and certificate~~ to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on..... February 14, 1944.
- 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

Albert S. Ross

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

Date February 14, 1944.

Alexander C. Pollock
Secretary



APPLICATION NO

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File this original with The Secretary of
The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with
WASHINGTON, D.C. of the local chapter of The
Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is Albert S. Ross .

2. State whether a
natural or a nat-
uralized citizen.

2. I am a Natural citizen of Ada, Oklahoma, .

3. My legal residence is in the City of Ada, ,

County of Pontotoc State of Oklahoma .

4. State whether
residence or office
address.

4. My address in The Institute records will be 208 Cummings Bldg.,

Number 208 Street Cummings Bldg.,

City Ada, , State Oklahoma. .

5. State whether
as a practicing
architect, a teach-
er, a public offi-
cial, etc.

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Practicing Architect

6. I desire to be a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter.

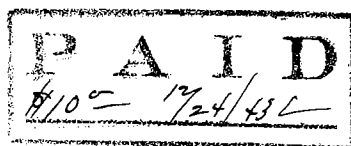
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.

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 chapters or state association members.

9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date Dec. 6th 1943.

Albert S. Ross
Applicant sign full name in ink



STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Jan. 9, 1897 Place of birth Ada, Oklahoma.

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

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

Oklahoma

(a) I hold a Certificate No. of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Horace Mann High School, Ada, Oklahoma.

East Central State College, Ada, Okla.

Chicago Technical College, Chicago, Ill.

Traveled in France.

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:

3-16 to 11-17 C.E. Cuning, Ada, Okla., Jr. Draftsman.

5-19 to 3-20 H. G. Little, Tulsa, Okla., Sr. Draftsman.

3-20 to 10-20 J. C. Thompson, Wichita Falls, Texas, Designer.

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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).

Practiced Architecture as an individual at Ada, Okla., from Jan. 1921 to March 1942, except that I had a partner in the year 1929.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

15. Member of Institute from _____ to _____
16. Junior of Institute from _____ to _____
17. Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
18. Junior Associate of _____ Chapter from _____ to _____
19. Member of State Association in Oklahoma from 1925 to 1943

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

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

I have known the applicant for 10 years.

Signed _____

Proposer

I have known the applicant for _____ years.

Signed _____

Proposer

C O P Y

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1217 Colcord Building

December 21, 1943

The American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington D.C.

Attention- E.C. Kemper, Executive Secretary

Gentlemen:

It is with very great pleasure that I herewith forward you applications for Corporate Membership (accompanied by their personal checks) by-

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Thomas R. Bramblet | Okla. City, Okla. |
| Peyton W. Smith | " " " |
| Albon W. Davis | " " " |
| W.H. Schumacher | " " " |
| Malcolm L. McCune | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Clarence D. Walters | " " |
| R.M. Black | " " |
| Albert S. Ross | Ada, Oklahoma |

Also applications for Corporate Membership, accompanied by my personal check in the amount of \$40.00 of the four additional gentlemen, who accompanied their applications with cash.

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Lawrence E. Blue | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Leland I. Shumway | " " |
| Wm. H. Wolaver | " " |
| Dennis E. Donovan | Okla. City, Okla. |

The above makes a total of 12 additional prospective members of this Chapter, which fulfills the promise I made the Institute sometime ago as to the kind of effort we were going to put forth to increase Institute membership. Better still there are more to come.

We had an inspiring visit yesterday by C. Julian Oberwarth. I wish to add that that young man is performing an outstanding service to the profession and to the Institute. I sincerely trust that his strenuous efforts will not again affect his health. Personally, I think he has to be warned in this connection. With best wishes for the Christmas Season I am

Most sincerely,

(s) Leonard H. Bailey
Sec. Treas.

LHB/vf

P.S. The enclosed applications have been approved by the Okla. Chapter

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION
OF

Albert S. Ross, Ada, Oklahoma
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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 January 6, 1944.

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? 4 day regular
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 38 hours; Oral examination 1 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 last registration 4-30- 1943. Registration No. 61. Is it current? Yes

Leman H. Baile
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of
Architects
(Name of Board)

Date 1-10- 1944

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

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February 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Ross:

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 the Oklahoma Chapter, effective February 14, 1944. 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,

Alexander C. Robinson III.

Secretary

Mr. Albert S. Ross, A.I.A.
208 Cummings Building
Ada, Oklahoma

ACR:RR
Enc.

cc to: Proposer - Mr. B. Gaylord Noftsgger, A.I.A.
Director Archer

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Albert S. Ross
Architect

Member American Institute of Architects
208 Cummings Building

Ada, Oklahoma
March 12, 1949

REC'D MAR 14 1949

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

Gentlemen:

The writer is considering the possibility of forming a partnership, or possibly a Junior Partner, and it has occurred to me that you might have information on this subject.

I have recently seen a document from the American Medical Association, containing mimeographed copies of about 50 contracts for Medical Clinic partnerships and I thought it possible that the Institute might have something similar.

If you have anything on the wording of partnership agreements for Architects I would appreciate receiving it, and check for same will be sent on receipt of the correct amount.

Yours very truly,


Albert S. Ross, Architect

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Ross

Ralph Walker

1st

March 24, 1949

Kenneth E. Wischmeyer
2nd Vice President

Dear Mr. Ross:

Your letter of March 12th was acknowledged during the absence of most of the A.I.A. staff while attending the recent Convention of The Institute in Houston.

This is in response to your inquiry concerning partnership agreements.

The Institute never has issued such agreements as documents or in separate forms; however, "The Handbook of Architectural Practice" devotes a Chapter (No. 50) to this subject, and contains a number of suggestions for specific matters which should be included in the agreements.

No doubt you have a copy of this book in your office, but in case you do not, an order form and descriptive circular are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Albert S. Ross, A.I.A.
208 Cummings Building
Ada, Oklahoma

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Enclosures

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 31, 1955.

Voted On Mar. 15, 1956

Voted On Mar. 28, 1957

Voted On 19 ..

Granted March 28, 1957

NO M

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Albert Sidney Ross Date of Nomination Oct. 22, 1955
2. Address of Nominee 208 Cummings Building, Ada, Oklahoma
3. Nominee's firm Albert Sidney Ross
4. Nominee's principal place of business Oklahoma
5. Nominee's Chapter Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.
6. Nominee's State Organization
7. Nominee admitted to Institute February 14, 1944
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from February 14, 1944 to December 31, 1955.
9. Nominee's age ⁶⁰~~59~~ yrs. Birthplace Ada, Oklahoma
10. Nominators: Executive Committee, Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

11. Achievement in Service to The Institute and Public Service



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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS, A.I.A.

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

Date 19

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on October 22 1955 *Type in full name.
nominated* Albert Sidney Ross
member of this Chapter, for fellowship in The Institute. We enclose evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship on which the nomination was based and certify the resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, this Executive Committee believes* Albert Sidney Ross
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-
fession because of his achievement in** Service to the Institute and Public Service.
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† eleven
years prior to this date; therefore be it

"Resolved, That‡‡ Oklahoma Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate*

Albert Sidney Ross

for fellowship in The Institute, and the President and the Secretary be and hereby are
authorized and directed to prepare the nomination papers and forward them to The Jury of
Fellows of The Institute and to do all things proper to forward said nomination."

Selected 944
William R. Brown Pres ✓
Bryan W. Allen ✓
Thomas Forey ✓
John D. L. 2nd V.P. ✓
R. Allen Whiteside 1st V. President ✓
Secretary.

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT LETTERS OR DATA ARE SENT
TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

1. Nominee's full name **Albert Sidney Ross**

2. Strike out in-
appropriate word
and write in name
of Country.

2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of the United States of America

3. Nominee's legal residence **930 East 17 Street, Ada, Oklahoma**

4. Nominee's firm name **Albert**

5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **208 Cummings Building, Ada, Oklahoma**

6. Type in "N.C.
d. R. B." or
name of State
Board, as case
may be.

6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of the State of Oklahoma**

7. Strike out in-
appropriate
words.

7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture—
teacher in science of construction—public official—engineer~~

8. Type in date
of birth and city
and Country.

8. Born **January 9, 1897**. Place of birth **Ada, Oklahoma**

9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

| Location | No. of Years | Year of Graduation | Degree |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| High School | | | |
| East Central Normal School, Ada, Okla. | 2 | | |
| Private School | | | |
| College or University | | | |
| College or University | | | |
| Post Graduate at | | | |
| Scholarships held | | | |

10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Completed a course in Architectural Design, 1922, Chicago Technical College, Chicago, (Grade A-) by correspondence.
1943-44, Completed a course at night school in Reinforced Concrete Structures at University of Houston, Houston, Texas, credit 4 semester hours, grade B.

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Nominators should read "Principles Underlying the Bestowal of Fellowships", Institute Document No. 9 before completing this nomination. Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 3 to 7, inclusive. Use typewriting only.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

1. Works

| Type (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special | Identification of Work | Location of Work (City) (State) | Completed Construction Work (Year) | Photographs Drawings, or Sketches Submitted | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| (d) | Student Union & Dorm. for Women East Central State College, | Ada, Oklahoma | 1949/1936 | 2 | Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be. |
| (d) | Student Union & Dorm. for Women Southeastern State College, | Durant, Oklahoma | 1948 | 1 | Type in last col- umn to right the number submitted in each case. |
| (a) | Sugg Clinic (Medical) | Ada, Oklahoma | 1947 | 2 | |
| (d) | Pauls Valley State Hospital, | Pauls Valley, Okla. | 1950 | 1 | |
| (d) | Glenwood Elementary School, | Ada, Oklahoma | 1953 | 1 | |

2. Describe nominee's notable work in design, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. CONSTRUCTION WORK

| Type of Work Constructed | Identification of Work | Location of Work | Completed Construction Work (Year) | Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---|---|

Type in last
column to right
the number sub-
mitted in each
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

| Subject Title | Where Published | Date Published |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|

3. Describe nominee's notable work in the science of construction and any recognition thereof by other societies, to bring out the particular achievements the nominators believe have notably contributed to the advancement of the profession.

WASHINGTON
1955 OCT 31 AM 11:06
THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

1. EDUCATION WORK

(List the degrees and the educational positions held by the nominee, and bring out clearly the nominee's signal work and its particular force and influence which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by pupils, the profession, other societies, or the public.)

2. LITERARY WORK

(List the original written works of the nominee and state clearly the particular force and influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession, and state evidences of recognition of such work by other societies, the profession, educational institutions or the public.)

*Book, Treatise
or Article*

Subject

*Name of Book or Periodical
Containing Work*

*Year Work
Published*

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, or to the profession, which the nominators believe has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession, and list the offices in architectural organizations occupied by the nominee and the period of each.

1. The nominee served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA in 1949, and as a director for 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, and 1952. His services as President was one of the very best in the history of the Chapter.

2. Within a few days after the nominee's election as President of the Oklahoma Chapter in January, 1949, the Retail Lumbermen of Oklahoma had a bill introduced in the Legislature to repeal the Architect's License Law. A hasty investigation revealed that the Lumbermen had conducted a quiet campaign of mis-information among their members and members of the Legislature, and had far more votes lined up than necessary to repeal the law. Being a State-wide chapter, with membership scattered over the State, and only 70 AIA members to 1,100 Lumbermen, we had many problems, but the Oklahoma Chapter, under leadership of the nominee, decided to make an all-out effort to prevent repeal of the Architect's law, and won.

The Chapter had no funds to support the Legislative Committee, and it was necessary to make two (2) special appeals to the membership for funds with which to pay expenses of the Committee. The nominee wrote personal letters to each Chapter Member, and to all Registered Architects in the State, urging them to pay \$15.00 on two (2) separate occasions, and in each instance the Chapter Members paid the amounts 100% or more, and all but three (3) of the non-members paid in response to his personal appeal.

The fight was conducted on a very high plane, and when over, the Lumbermen were revealed as a very selfish group, and the position of the Architect was materially strengthened in Oklahoma. It was pointed out to Members of the Legislature by the Chapter Legislative Committee under the leadership of the nominee, and was quite evident and undisputed, that the quality of design and construction of buildings, especially public buildings in Oklahoma, were far superior to such work before passage of the original Architect's License Law in 1925.

The Bill to abolish the Architect's Law was before the Legislature four (4) months, during which time, the nominee left his office 100 miles away, and spent half of his time at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City, and due to the low state of the Chapter funds, paid all his expenses, including postage, in addition to contributing along with the Membership to the expense fund.

3. While President of the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, in 1949, the nominee urged members of the Chapter to contribute to an expense fund to help pay the cost of a \$36,000,000 State Bond Election for State Hospitals and Higher Education Institutions. The election carried by a large majority and the nominee, as President of the Chapter, urged Governor Turner to see that the work was widely distributed among the Architects of the State, with the result that firms representing 75% of the Membership of Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, participated, and 95% of the work was done by AIA members.

4. In 1953, another Bill was introduced in the Legislature to seriously weaken the Architect's Law, being instigated mainly by persons who, in failing to pass the examination, had made extremely low grades. The leading author of the Legislative Bill had remembered the nominee's efforts in connection with the 1949 attempt to repeal the law, and being impressed with the nominee's fairness, requested that the nominee personally handle the negotiations with the Legislature, which was done, and the Bill was withdrawn, but not until after three (3) separate conferences, extending over a period of several weeks, and including considerable research work, along with three (3) separate trips of 100 miles from his office to the State Capitol and return.
5. The nominee had a strong feeling that the Architects' difficulties with the Legislature were due to lack of a good public relations program and, as President of the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, led the Chapter in creating a fund and setting up an excellent Public Relations Program by raising the Chapter dues from \$12.00 to \$17.50 together with a \$60.00 annual assessment by almost unanimous vote, which amounts have now been combined and reduced to \$40.00 annually with an unusually good Public Relations Program being carried on by the Chapter.
6. While serving as President of the Oklahoma Chapter, in the fall of 1949, the nominee led the Chapter in forming Student Chapters at the Schools of Architecture at Oklahoma A & M College and at the University of Oklahoma.
7. The nominee spoke on the subject, "Architecture," at the University of Oklahoma Student Chapter in December, 1949, the talk being well received. A letter to the nominee from the President of the Chapter stated, "I do not think that any program we could have arranged could have been more interesting or caused more favorable comment than your talk Wednesday night. . . . Referring specifically to the talk, we felt that it was a very comprehensive and informative discussion".
8. As President of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1949, the nominee, with cooperation of the Fees and Practice Committee, secured the adoption by the Chapter and publication of a booklet entitled "Standards for Architectural Service, Oklahoma Chapter, American Institute of Architects", which booklet has continued to be in use and includes a description of the services rendered by the architect, and also includes the fee schedule.
9. As Chapter President in 1949, the nominee inspired nineteen (19) members of a total Chapter Membership of about 70, to attend the annual convention of the American Institute of Architects held in Houston, Texas, traveling an average distance of 500 miles and return, also, twelve (12) members traveled 600 miles and return, to attend the Regional Convention held in St. Louis, that year.
10. The nominee, as president in 1949, led the Chapter in providing \$50.00 per month part-time salary for the Chapter Secretary. Previous services of the Secretary had been entirely voluntary, as is the President.
11. The nominee was a Charter Member of the Oklahoma Association of Architects, formed in 1926, and as Vice-President in 1946, took a leading part in getting its members into the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, and by prior agreement, helped abolish the Oklahoma Association of Architects, when 70% of their members had joined the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA.
12. The nominee was a member of the Chapter Legislative Committee in 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1955.

13. The nominee was a member of the Chapter Membership Committee in 1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953, and Chairman in 1948, and had a leading part in the large increase in the Chapter membership.

14. The nominee was a member of the Chapter Committee of Fees and Practice in 1950 to 1955, inclusive, except in 1954, he was Chairman.

15. The nominee served as a member on the Committee on Credentials at the recent Boston Convention of the American Institute of Architects.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE

1. List the public offices held by the nominee and the positions of trust held by him in recognition of civic leadership, and state clearly his notable work in public service and the particular influence of that work which the nominators believe to be a notable contribution to the advancement of the profession.

1. The nominee has been an active member of the Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of Oklahoma from January 1947, to date, and Vice-President of the Board from 1948 to date. During this period, all examination questions have been re-studied, revised, and brought up-to-date with the nominee taking a leading part in the work. Also the nominee has had a very active part in formulating rules and regulations that are now included in the Architects License Law for governing the licensed architects of Oklahoma, which rules and regulations have been well received by the architects.

2. The nominee attended 17 of 18 meetings of the Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of Oklahoma and all four examinations held by the Board last year, traveling an average distance of 110 miles and return, which is about an average year's work for the Board. The nominee has been one of the most valuable members of the Board by his near perfect attendance, careful attention to the business of the Board, and with considered and valuable suggestions concerning examinations of applicants.

3. The nominee has been an active member of the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, from January 1944, to date, a director in 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1952. His service as President of the Chapter in 1949 was one of the best in the history of the Chapter. The AIA activities are listed under Service to the Institute in this application.

4. The nominee served as a member of the Legislative Committee of the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, in 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1955, during which time outstanding service was rendered as is detailed under Service to the Institute.

5. The nominee attended meetings of the NCARB, preceeding the National Meetings of the AIA in recent years at New York, Houston, and Boston.

6. The nominee was a Charter Member of the Oklahoma Association of Architects, formed in 1926, and as Vice-President in 1946, took a leading part in getting its members into the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA, and by prior agreement, helped abolish the Oklahoma Association of Architects, when 70% of their members had joined the Oklahoma Chapter, AIA.

7. The nominee was a member of the Board of Free-Holders that re-wrote the City Charter for the City of Ada, Oklahoma, in 1932.

8. The nominee helped organize the Camp Fire Girls Organization in Ada, Oklahoma, in 1935, and served as its first President, continuing to serve on the Council until 1942, at which time the membership had increased to 300 girls.

9. The nominee has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Ada, Oklahoma, from 1924 to date, being a director in 1929, 1930, 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1941, Vice-President in 1931 and served as President in 1939. He has also served on

many committees, and as Chairman of the Inter Club Relations Committee, Finance Committee, and Program Committee on several occasions. Under his leadership the Kiwanis Club had 125 Farm Boy Corn Club members as guests at a banquet to celebrate harvest of their corn crop from seed furnished by the Club.

10. The nominee has been an active member of the Ada Chamber of Commerce from 1925 to date and served as director in 1939.

11. The nominee served in the Army Engineers, American Army, from November 1917, to June 1919, including 15 months in France, where French Architecture was observed.

12. The nominee has been an active member of the First Methodist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, since 1923, and a member of the Board of Stewards since 1924, and Chairman of the Board in 1942 and 1947. He served as Chairman of the Finance Committee in 1941 and 1946 and Secretary-Treasurer of the Church (without compensation) from 1926 through 1931, and a member of the Finance Committee most of the time from 1925 through 1953. The Church now has 1800 members. The nominee served as Chairman of a Committee in April of this year that acquired a \$52,000 piece of property adjoining the Church for a Youth Center and Parking Lot.

13. In July, 1955, the nominee occupied the Pulpit at the morning service hour at the First Presbyterian Church in Ada, Oklahoma, and talked on the subject, "Architecture and the Church". The talk was well received and many favorable comments were made by the Church members.

14. The nominee has served on nearly all fund raising committees for Community Chest, Red Cross, Etc., and had a major part in obtaining the erection and completion of a Headquarters Building for the Local Salvation Army Organization.

15. The nominee is Treasurer of the Ardmore District Board of Missions which includes eight counties of the Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Church, and was the Alternate Layman Delegate to the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church held in Oklahoma City last June.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 28, 1955

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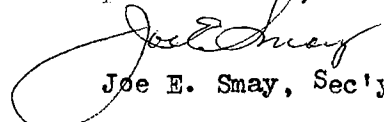
Attention Jury of Fellows
Gentlemen:

On October 22, 1955 the Oklahoma Chapter met and thru the action of the Board of Directors elected to nominate four Chapter members to be considered for the great honor of Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. This late meeting of the Chapter and the Board has posed a problem of securing all the information and securing the signatures of all Board members after the information was typed on the forms. In view of this problem accentuated because of the varied geographical location of Board members and nominees and individual sponsors, it has been impossible to enclose all statistics of all nominees under the same cover.

For your information the nominees are Donald McCormick, Philip Wilbur, Albert S. Ross and the Secretary Joe E. Smay. We have already renominated Mr. Leon B. Senter who was a candidate last year. In your consideration of these nominees we urge you to give consideration to the fact that Oklahoma Chapter composed of almost 125 corporate members has only one Fellow. We fully realize that geographical distribution is of no consideration when the final awards are made but we do wish to emphasize the fact that there are well qualified and deserving men here as there are in other geographical distribution. We do not imply in any way that your honored committee would be partial in making such awards but we do feel that because of the quality of members here that there should be a more even distribution of recipients, assuming our contention of even distribution of qualified men is true.

Under this cover you will find the statistics for Albert S. Ross and Joe E. Smay. Other statistics will be sent as they are completed by sponsors.

Resp. submitted,


Joe E. Smay, Sec'y Treas

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November 4, 1955

Jury of Fellows,
American Institute of Architects
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Re: Albert S. Ross, AIA

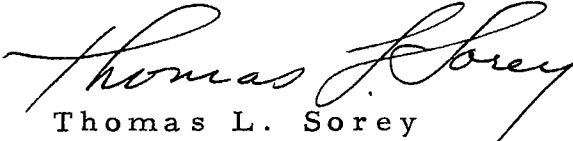
Gentlemen:

As a Director of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Institute, it is my pleasure to write you in behalf of Mr. Albert Ross of Ada, Oklahoma, who has been nominated by our chapter for your consideration as a Fellow.

I have known Mr. Ross for about twenty years, and have found him to be a quiet, industrious and conscientious worker, both in his profession and as a chapter worker. I have never heard another Architect complain of the conduct of his work, and I feel that he is and always has been a credit to our profession.

He has a high moral integrity, and is the type of man who will well represent the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,


Thomas L. Sorey

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Dear Sirs:

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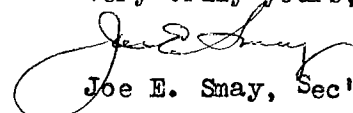
I wish to endorse the nomination by this Chapter of Mr. Albert S. Ross of Ada, Oklahoma. Albert served ably and well in the capacity of president of the Chapter. We can look back on his administration as one of the most constructive in the history of the chapter. Not only did he make real efforts to increase the membership but he strove to improve the ethics and professional standards of the profession.

He was influential in aiding in the improvement of the license laws in Oklahoma, making numerous trips to the capitol at his own expense to use his influence towards its advantage. Albert, living in one of the smaller cities in Oklahoma was regarded with less suspicion by certain legislators than some of the "city slickers" as they are called by some of our legislators. He received an audience with some whom it was almost impossible for others of the chapter to contact.

He continued to promote Public Relations programs of the Chapter. It was during his administration that the secretary of the Chapter was allowed a small sum to compensate him for the work of that office. This precedent was followed until four years ago and although the prevailing rule was not withdrawn, the present secretary has not drawn on this allowance.

Mr. Ross is one of the most faithful members of the Board of Governors of architects, attending practically every session. He was recently re-appointed to this office for another five year term. His continued efforts and signal devotion to the profession is a stimulating influence upon all with whom he comes in contact. It is a pleasure to recommend him for this high honor.

Very truly yours,


Joe E. Smay, Sec'y Treas.



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GENTLEMEN:

I AM ADDRESSING THIS LETTER TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS HOPING THAT THE FEW FACTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT I CAN CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION WILL IN SOME SMALL PART ASSIST IN THE ELEVATION OF ALBERT S. ROSS, A.I.A. A NOMINEE OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS OF OKLAHOMA FROM JANUARY 1947 TO DATE AND VICE-PRESIDENT FROM 1948 TO DATE. DURING THIS PERIOD HE HAS TAKEN A LEADING PART IN REVIEWING ALL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS, BRINGING UP TO DATE ALL QUESTIONS, REVISING, AND MODERNIZING THE EXAMINATION UNTIL IT IS REGARDED AT THE PRESENT TIME AS ONE OF THE MOST EXACTING AND STRICTEST LICENSE EXAMINATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. ALBERT ROSS HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN COMPILING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE NOW INCLUDED IN THE ARCHITECTS LICENSE LAW FOR GOVERNING THE LICENSED ARCHITECTS OF OKLAHOMA. THESE REGULATIONS ARE WELL RECEIVED BY THE ARCHITECTS.

ROSS ATTENDED 17 OF 18 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS OF OKLAHOMA AND IN ADDITION THE FOUR EXAMINATIONS HELD BY THE BOARD LAST YEAR. THE ABOVE MEANT THAT FOR EACH EXAMINATION HE TRAVELED SOME 220 MILES. THE NOMINEE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD DUE TO HIS FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE, CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD, AND WITH CONSIDERED AND VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS.

THE NOMINEE'S SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE STARTED IN JANUARY 1944 AND HAS CONTINUED TO DATE, SUPPLEMENTED BY TERMS AS A DIRECTOR IN 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 AND 1952. HE MADE HIS EFFORT AS PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS IN 1949 ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER.

ROSS SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER IN 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 AND 1955, DURING WHICH TIME HIS EFFORTS WERE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE PROFESSION OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE INSTITUTE.



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HIS INTEREST IN THE NCARB IS EVIDENCED BY HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETINGS PROCEEDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AT NEW YORK, HOUSTON, AND BOSTON.

AS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS FORMED 1926. DURING HIS TERM AS VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1946, TOOK A LEADING PART IN GETTING THAT ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP INTO THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A. ARRANGED BY PRIOR AGREEMENT THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF ARCHITECTS WAS DISBANDED. SEVENTY PERCENT OF A LARGE MEMBERSHIP WENT INTO THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AFTER THE DISBANDING.

ALBERT ROSS WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF FREE-HOLDERS THAT REWROTE THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF ADA IN 1932.

THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS ORGANIZATION IN ADA WAS ORGANIZED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ROSS IN 1935. HE SERVED AS ITS FIRST PRESIDENT AND CONTINUED TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL UNTIL 1942. STARTING WITH NOTHING IN 1935 THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS INCREASED TO 300 MEMBERS IN 1942 WITH HIS UNTIRING EFFORT AND GUIDANCE.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ADA HAS SEEN HIM IN ATTENDANCE FROM 1924 ON, A DIRECTOR IN 1929, 1930, 1936, 1937, 1938 AND 1941. SERVED AS A VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1931 AND ASSUMED THE PRESIDENCY IN 1939. HE HAS CHAIRED MANY COMMITTEES, AMONG THEM, INTER-CLUB RELATIONS, FINANCE, AND PROGRAM TURNING IN A GOOD JOB EACH AND EVERYTIME. ROSS PERSONALLY TOOK CHARGE OF A BANQUET FOR 125 FARM BOY CORN CLUB MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST OF THEIR CORN CROP. SEED FOR THE CORN WAS FURNISHED BY THE ADA KIWANIS CLUB.

THE NOMINEE IS A MEMBER OF THE ADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SERVED AS A DIRECTOR IN 1939.

A STUDY OF FRENCH ARCHITECTURE WAS REALIZED WHILE ON TOUR WITH THE ARMY ENGINEERS, AMERICAN ARMY. THERE WAS ALSO A WAR GOING ON AND HIS SERVICE LASTED FROM NOVEMBER 1917 TO JUNE 1919.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF ADA HAS HAD A FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION SINCE 1923. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF STEWARDS SINCE 1924 AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IN 1942 AND 1947. OTHER SERVICE,



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CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IN 1941 AND 1946 AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE CHURCH (WITHOUT COMPENSATION) FROM 1926 THRU 1931. MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MOST OF THE TIME FROM 1925 THRU 1953. THE CHURCH HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 1800. MORE ACTIVE WORK FINDS ROSS AS CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE IN APRIL 1955 WHICH ACQUIRED A \$52,000 PARCEL OF PROPERTY ADJOINING THE CHURCH. A BIT OF WORK AND THIS NEWLY ACQUIRED PROPERTY BECAME A YOUTH CENTER AND PROVIDED PARKING FACILITIES.

"ARCHITECTURE AND THE CHURCH" WAS THE THEME OF AN INFORMATIVE TALK GIVEN BEFORE THE CONGREGATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ADA. MANY FAVORABLE COMMENDATIONS WERE THE RESULT OF THIS WELL RECEIVED ENDEAVOR.

THE OFFICE OF TREASURER OF THE ARDMORE DISTRICT BOARD OF MISSIONS, WHICH INCLUDES EIGHT COUNTIES OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WAS OCCUPIED BY ALBERT S. ROSS. LAST JUNE THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WAS HELD IN OKLAHOMA CITY AND THE NOMINEE WAS THE ALTERNATE LAYMAN DELEGATE FROM HIS DISTRICT.

THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF THE A.I.A. HONORED ROSS WITH THE PRESIDENCY IN 1949. THIS ADMINISTRATION WAS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHAPTER. THIS SERVICE WAS AUGMENTED BY TERMS AS A DIRECTOR FOR THE A.I.A. IN 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 AND 1952. A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION FOR THE PRESIDENT, THE A.I.A., AND THE PROFESSION OF ARCHITECTURE AROSE SOON AFTER HIS INDUCTION INTO THE PRESIDENCY. A VERY STRONG RETAIL LUMBERMENS ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA HAD A BILL INTRODUCED BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE ARCHITECTS LICENSE LAW. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE LUMBERMEN HAD CONDUCTED A QUIET CAMPAIGN OF MIS- INFORMATION AMONG THEIR MEMBERS, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND IN FACT ANYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN TO THEM. FACT OF THE MATTER WAS AFTER A WHILE THEY HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH VOTES TO REPEAL THE ARCHITECTS LICENSE LAW. AT THAT TIME THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHAPTER TOTALED SEVENTY (70) MEMBERS AND THE INSURGENT GROUP TOTALED 1100 LUMBERMEN. THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT ROLL UP HIS SLEEVES AND GO TO WORK. THE PROBLEM WAS A SERIOUS ONE, BUT THE CHAPTER UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ROSS MADE AN ALL OUT EFFORT AND AGAINST THE TREMENDOUS ODDS, WON OUT AGAINST THE REPEAL MOVEMENT.



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THE CHAPTER, AT THAT TIME, HAD NO FUNDS WITH WHICH TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. TWO SPECIAL APPEALS WERE MADE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR MONEY TO DEFER THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE. THE NOMINEE WROTE PERSONAL LETTERS TO EACH CHAPTER MEMBER AND TO ALL REGISTERED ARCHITECTS IN THE STATE URGING THEM TO ANTE UP \$15.00 ON THE TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS. IN EACH INSTANCE THE RESPONSE WAS 100% OR BETTER. ALL BUT THREE ARCHITECTS OUTSIDE THE A.I.A. PAID IN RESPONSE TO HIS PERSONAL APPEAL. THE STRATEGY INVOLVED WAS CONDUCTED AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL AND THE RESULT WAS THE LUMBERMENS GROUP WERE REVEALED AS A VERY SELFISH GROUP AND THE POSITION OF THE ARCHITECT WAS STRENGTHENED IN OKLAHOMA. ONE FACT BECAME VERY APPARENT TO MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, EVIDENT AND UNDISPUTED, THAT THE QUALITY OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, ESPECIALLY PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN OKLAHOMA, WERE FOR SUPERIOR TO SUCH WORK BEFORE PASSAGE OF THE ORIGINAL ARCHITECTS LICENSE LAW IN 1925. THE BILL TO ABOLISH THE ARCHITECTS LAW WAS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME, THE NOMINEE TRAVELED 220 MILES EVERY TRIP, AND SPENT HALF OF HIS TIME AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN OKLAHOMA CITY, AND DUE TO THE LOW STATE OF THE CHAPTER FUNDS, PAID ALL HIS PERSONAL EXPENSES, INCLUDING POSTAGE, IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS ALONG WITH THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE EXPENSE OF THE PROJECT.

WHILE PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER, A.I.A., IN 1949, THE NOMINEE URGED MEMBERS OF THE CHAPTER TO CONTRIBUTE TO AN EXPENSE FUND TO HELP PAY THE COST OF A \$36,000,000 STATE BOND ELECTION FOR STATE HOSPITALS AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. THE ELECTION CARRIED BY A LARGE MAJORITY. THE NOMINEE WAS INVITED TO COUNSEL WITH THE THEN GOVERNOR ROY TURNER. THE GOVERNORS DECISION WAS TO DISTRIBUTE THE ARCHITECTURAL WORK AMONG THE ARCHITECTS OF THE STATE. THE RESULT WAS THAT 75% OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER A.I.A., PARTICIPATED AND 95% OF THE WORK WAS DONE BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

1953 SAW ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN THE ARCHITECTS LICENSE LAW. THE MANEUVER WAS TRACED AS BEING INSTIGATED MAINLY BY PERSONS WHO HAD MADE EXTREMELY LOW GRADES AND HAD FAILED TO PASS THE EXAMINATION FOR THEIR ARCHITECTS LICENSE. THE MAN SPEARHEADING THE BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE AND ALSO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL REMEMBERED ROSS' PART IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1949 ATTEMPT TO REPEAL THE LAW. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE NOMINEES FAIRNESS AND REQUESTED THAT HE PERSONALLY HANDLE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LEGISLATURE. AFTER ABOUT THREE SEPARATE



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CONFERENCES, WHICH EXTENDED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS, AND INCLUDED CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH, ALONG WITH HIS DAILY TRAVEL TO THE STATE CAPITOL FROM HIS OFFICE AND RETURN, THE BILL WAS WITHDRAWN.

THE PRESIDENCY IMPRESSED UPON THE NOMINEE THE LACK OF AND A NEED FOR A GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM. THIS FACT WAS DRIVEN HOME DURING HIS CONFERENCES WITH THE LEGISLATORS. THE UNTRUTHS STARTED BY A WHISPERING CAMPAIGN WERE ACCEPTED BY THOSE INTELLIGENT GENTLEMEN AS FACTS AND SURELY THE GENERAL PUBLIC MUST LIKEWISE BE AS UNINFORMED. WHAT A FERTILE FIELD THOUGHT THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER PRESIDENT FOR SOWING SEEDS AS TO THE VALUE AND ECONOMY OF EMPLOYING AN ARCHITECT FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. HE LED THE CHAPTER IN CREATING A PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND AND SETTING UP AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM. THE CHAPTER DUES WERE RAISED FROM \$12.00 TO \$17.50 AND AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF \$60.00 ASSESSED. THIS MOVE CARRIED BY ALMOST UNANIMOUS VOTE. THESE AMOUNTS HAVE SINCE BEEN COMBINED AND REVISED TO \$40.00 ANNUALLY. THE RESULT IS A WELL ESTABLISHED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM WHICH THE CHAPTER SPONSORS.

DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION, IN THE FALL OF 1949, THE NOMINEE LED THE CHAPTER IN FORMING STUDENT CHAPTERS AT THE SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE AT OKLAHOMA A & M COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA.

MR. ROSS SPOKE ON "ARCHITECTURE" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT CHAPTER IN DECEMBER 1949 AND THE TALK WAS WELL RECEIVED. THE STUDENT CHAPTER PRESIDENT THOUGHT ENOUGH OF THE PROGRAM TO WRITE "I DO NOT THINK THAT ANY PROGRAM WE COULD HAVE ARRANGED COULD HAVE BEEN MORE INTERESTING OR CAUSE MORE FAVORABLE COMMENT THAN YOUR TALK WEDNESDAY - - - REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE TALK, WE FELT THAT IT WAS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND INFORMATIVE DISCUSSION".

ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE 1949 ADMINISTRATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE FEES AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE WAS THE SECURING OF ADOPTION BY THE CHAPTER AND CONSEQUENT PUBLICATION OF A BOOKLET ENTITLED "STANDARDS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE, OKLAHOMA CHAPTER, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS". THIS BOOKLET HAS CONTINUED TO BE IN USE AND INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE ARCHITECT, A SCHEDULE OF FEES, AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OWNER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT IN 1949 THE NOMINEE INSPIRED NINETEEN MEMBERS OF A TOTAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP OF ABOUT SEVENTY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS HELD IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE DELEGATION TRAVELED AN AVERAGE DISTANCE OF 500 MILES AND RETURN. TWELVE MEMBERS TRAVELED 600 MILES AND RETURN TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN ST. LOUIS THAT YEAR.

ANOTHER RESULT THAT MERITS ACHIEVEMENT WAS THE PASSAGE OF A MEASURE IN 1949 THAT PROVIDED A \$50.00 PER MONTH PART - TIME SALARY FOR THE CHAPTER SECRETARY. PREVIOUS SERVICES OF THE SECRETARY AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE SERVICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1952 AND 1955.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952 AND 1953 AND A CHAIRMANSHIP IN 1948. HIS DRIVE LED TO A LARGE INCREASE IN THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP.

FEES AND PRACTICE.

1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954 AND 1955.

HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE LAST LISTED COMMITTEE EVERY YEAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1954.

REPRESENTING THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER THE NOMINEE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AT THE RECENT BOSTON CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

MR. ALBERT S. ROSS' SERVICES TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS ARE A GOOD DEAL MORE NUMEROUS THAN THE ABOVE I HAVE MENTIONED. HOWEVER I SUBMIT THIS LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF ALBERT S. ROSS BY THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LEON SENTER, JR., A.I.A.
OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

CC: BROWN
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W. H. SCHUMACHER **ARCHITECT**
TOWER THEATRE BLDG. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS + TELEPHONE JA 5-5555

December 26, 1955

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

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Gentlemen:

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The following names of Architects have been nominated by the Oklahoma State Chapter of The American Institute of Architects, for your consideration for Fellowships.

1. Donald McCormick, A.I.A.
2. Albert Ross, A.I.A.
3. Joe E. Smay, A.I.A.
4. Leon B. Senter, A.I.A. (re-submitted the third time) to which the writer has made vigorous protest the first and second year nominations. (See the writers letters in your files. The writer still vigorously protests.

The writer heartily indorses the nomination of Donald McCormick, who has done meritorious work, is truly an accomplished Architect. His design id of good quality and has been consistently carried out to final completion of projects. He has done fine work in the Chapter, and the up-building of the profession generally. He speaks his own mind, always, and cannot be influenced by the "Old Guard" part of the names listed above. He has a high quality of leadership.

As to Albert S. Ross and Joe E. Smay,--they have been very active in the Chapter, but nothing is known about their background, whether or not they have had college training in Architecture, or even finished high school. From what can be learned, they just grew like topsy. They, like Leon Senter, were supported in the nomination by young men--former draftsmen, in their employee, now licensed and are members of the A.I.A.

These young men, as well as the majority of Architects in the Chapter of this State, came up under the domination of the above named men, and two or three others, known as the "Old Guard" and therefore dared not oppose the names submitted, fearful of their future progress in the Chapter, namely officers in the Chapter.

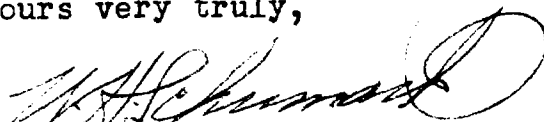
The only qualifications for fellowship of the men who have been nominated, is under the heading of "Achievement in the Service to the Institute." and stressing at length their services in Boy Scout work, Civic Club work, and Church service promotion. This is not unusual, since most of the Chapter members, are going this, and so are most business men, who are not architects, therefore such services should not be given special consideration, as the first considerations should be -- is he an Architect, in the sense, is he a designer, does he achieve in construction. Can he do his own designing, the necessary engineering etc., The fact is they employ others to do this. They are business men, business promoters and politicians.

There are four or five other Architects in Oklahoma, who are far more qualified for Fellowships, than those nominated.

When the writer thinks of the time when he was at the University of Penna. with such outstanding men as Stanton, McMurray, Francis Kealy, Shay, Harbeson, Sternfield, Simons and others, whose work is nationally known, and whose efforts have been an outstanding contribution to the Institute. Then when the writer makes the comparison of the above men with those nominated from Oklahoma, it is most discouraging.

The writer vigorously opposes the nominations of Senter, Ross and Smay.

Yours very truly,


W. H. Schumacher,

WHS/c

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
January 10, 1956

The Jury of Fellows
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Gentlemen:

Mr. Albert S. Ross of our Oklahoma Chapter has been nominated for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

The nominee has held offices in the Oklahoma Chapter and been an active member of the Board of Governors from January 1947 to date. He has helped revise all examination questions in keeping with scientific and technological advances to make them on a par with those of other states.

His work with legislative committees has been a leading factor in maintaining our State License Law. The law has been under fire at various times by the narrow minded and uninformed politicians.

All assignments and offices given to him have been carried out with the best interests of the profession as his first consideration.

Mr. Ross has served much time on various boards and committees in the interest of community projects and welfare.

I am happy to recommend Mr. Ross for elevation to a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Brown".
William R. Brown

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Fellowship in the American
Institute of Architects
Albert S. Ross, A.I.A.
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Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

This letter is an indorsement of the nomination of Mr. Albert S. Ross for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. I first become acquainted with Mr. Ross in 1946. He is a quiet man, full of energy which is expended without waste. In 1949, he served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter A.I.A. At great personal sacrifice he successfully led the Institutes fights against the attempt by the Retail Lumbermen of Oklahoma to repeal the Architect License Law. Not that we have the best law that could be written, but without the all-out efforts of Mr. Ross, we probably would have none at this time.

Mr. Ross has served as an active member on the Board of Governors of Licensed Architects of Oklahoma since 1947. Other board members have informed me that they consider Mr. Ross to be one of the most valuable members because of his almost perfect attendance, careful attention to business and his many considered and valuable suggestions concerning examinations of applicants for license.

Mr. Ross has been an active member of the Oklahoma Chapter A.I.A. from 1944 to the present. He is personally responsible for me becoming a member of the Institute. Mr. Ross led the Oklahoma Chapter in setting up the Public Relations program in 1949. He led the Chapter in setting up student chapters at Oklahoma A & M College and at the University of Oklahoma. As President of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1949 with co-operation from the Fees and Practice Committee, secured the adoption and publication of "Standards for Architectural Service, the Oklahoma Chapter, American Institute of Architects", which booklet is still in use without revisions. Mr. Ross has served on more Chapter Committees than I would attempt to enumerate.

Mr. Ross served in the Army Engineers in the First World War. He helped organize the Camp Fire Girls Organization at Ada, Oklahoma in 1935, is an active member of the Kiwanis Club, is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, is an active member of the First Methodist Church and is active in many other organizations.

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Mr. Ross has my complete and whole-hearted indorsement for the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,



C. P. Holt, ^{A.I.A.} Supervisor
Architectural Design
Design Division

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ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF OKLAHOMA CITY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY • 530 HIGHTOWER BUILDING • OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLAHOMA

January 10, 1956

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Chapter of A. I. A. has recently nominated three of its members as candidates as Fellows in the Institute. One candidate was already before the jury, thus making four which should come up for consideration this year. These four are as follows:

Leon B. Senter, Tulsa
Albert S. Ross, Ada
Donald M. McCormick, Tulsa
Joseph E. Smay, Norman

The qualifications of these four men are, of course, before the jury and it seems superficial that I should repeat them here. All are widely known and respected in architectural circles in the State and abroad.

The Architectural League of Oklahoma City has officially passed a motion of indorsement for all of these candidates and authorized me to write this letter urging your careful consideration of their candidacies. We feel we cannot too strongly urge their election. We further feel that all are imminently qualified to become fellows. Of course, should it become necessary to select one or more and omit the others we are sure your judgement will be sound. However, we are certain that these men, and the Oklahoma Chapter, are deserving of every consideration in this matter.

The Architectural League represents most of the important firms in Oklahoma City.

Very sincerely yours,

Oklahoma City Architectural League

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By _____
President

MAURICE HEFLEY, A.I.A., Chairman
JOHN BOZALIS, A.I.A., Vice-Chairman

IVAN M. REYNOLDS, A.I.A., Secretary-Treasurer

FRED POJEZNY, JR., A.I.A., Director
R. DUANE CONNER, A.I.A., Director

DONALD MCCORMICK, ARCHITECT

2454 East 34th. Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

January 27, 1956

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

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Subject: Mr. Albert S. Ross
Fellowship Nomination

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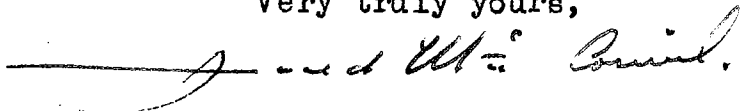
I wish to offer a brief endorsement of the nomination of Albert Ross for fellowship by the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

You have been provided with a reasonably complete resume of Mr. Ross's background and activities in the interest of the profession. There is no need for me to reiterate what has already been said but I do want to add my voice to that of others in urging earnest consideration of his candidacy.

I have known Mr. Ross for many years and have come to have the highest regard of his integrity and generosity toward his fellow practitioners. I have never encountered the slightest reflection on his professional abilities or respect in which he is held by all who have had dealings with him. He has been completely unselfish in his service to his fellow Architects and has always given assistance to any of the younger men whenever he could do so.

I would like to say it is men like Albert Ross who bring to our profession a measure of respect and dignity all too often lacking.

Very truly yours,



Donald McCormick
Architect AIA

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OKLAHOMA CITY

February 1, 1956

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

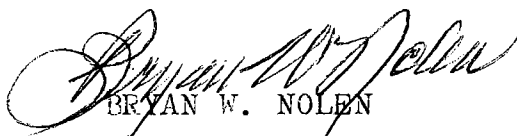
In behalf of the nomination for Fellowship of Albert S. Ross of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, I wish to add my personal endorsement.

Albert Ross is now serving and has served before as an officer of the Oklahoma Chapter. His actions have always shown that he was conscious of the importance of the Chapter and during several sessions of our State Legislature when bills detrimental to the profession of architecture in the State were introduced and were being considered by the Legislature, he played an important part, spending both his time and his own money in aiding to defeat those measures.

He is a member of the present Board of Directors and as such is engaged in a similar project, - that of convincing one of our State boards that the practice of architecture is an honorable and honest profession and as such is entitled to fair treatment.

I recommend Mr. Ross for Fellowship.

Very truly yours,


BRYAN W. NOLEN

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BAILEY, BOZALIS and ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS

Suite 1217 Colcord Bldg. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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February 1, 1956

Jury of Fellows

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A.I.A.

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

Gentlemen:

As a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.
I Wish to take this opportunity to recommend to you that the following corporate members of the Institute and of this Chapter be advanced to Fellowship:

Donald McCormick,

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Albert S. Ross

Ada, Oklahoma

Joseph L. Smay,

Norman, Oklahoma

These gentlemen have demonstrated over many years outstanding service and devotion to our profession and to their respective communities as outlined in the history of their record already in your hands.

Yours very truly,

(S) JOHN BOZALIS

JOHN BOZALIS, A.I.A.

W. ALVA FRY, A.I.A., PRESIDENT
306-7 PHILTOWER BUILDING
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P. O. BOX 100
ADA, OKLAHOMA

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4232 S. PEORIA
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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 6, 1956

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

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the nominees for Fellowship in the Oklahoma Chapter I wish to explain a situation which exists here and is in fact still a problem. Mr. W. Alva Fry's name appears on the nomination forms as a member of the Board of Directors. On Christmas day he underwent a serious heart attack-- his third one. Previous to this attack he had not written letters in support of the nominees planning to "catch up" during Christmas lull.

I am happy to report that he is apparently recovering from this attack but his activities are naturally extremely limited. He mentioned this matter to me a few days ago and stated that as soon as he could he would write the letters of support.

I believe you are entitled to know the situation which exists which may explain a delay that would probably not otherwise have occurred.

Resp submitted,


Joe E. Smay,
Sec'y-Treas.

Ross

April 4, 1956

Confidential

Mr. W. Alva Fry, President
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.
307 Philtower Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows
Re: Nominations of Members of Your Chapter

Dear Mr. Fry:

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nominee Elected to Fellowship:

Donald McCormick

Herewith is copy of letter of notification sent to Mr. McCormick which is self-explanatory.

It is requested that no publicity be given to his election until after public announcement has been made by The Institute.

Nominations Referred to 1957 Meeting of Jury:

Albert Sidney Ross
Leon B. Senter
Joseph Edgar Smay

Sincerely yours,

Edmund B. Purves
Executive Director

ERP/g
Enclosure

ROSS, ALBERT SIDNEY

(Received since 1956 Jury meeting)

Chapter Supporter:

Fry, W. Alva, A.I.A., President, Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.

W. ALVA FRY, A.I.A., PRESIDENT
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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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JURY OF FELLOWS
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

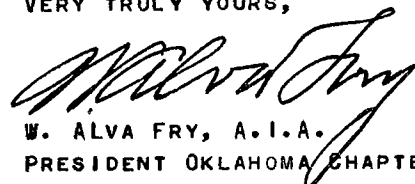
MR. ALBERT S. ROSS, AN OKLAHOMA NOMINEE FOR ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP
IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, IS A CLOSE FRIEND AND I HAVE KNOWN
HIM FOR MANY YEARS.

MR. ROSS IS VERY ETHICAL IN HIS PRACTICE AND IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY
ALL WHO KNOW HIM. HE HAS SERVED THE INSTITUTE IN MANY WAYS, PARTICULARLY THE
OKLAHOMA CHAPTER IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE FOR YEARS. HE IS A PAST
PRESIDENT AND AT PRESENT IS ON THE BOARD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA
STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF LICENSED ARCHITECTS.

YOUR FILE CONTAINS A COMPLETE FILE COVERING HIS ACTIVITIES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICES TO THE INSTITUTE IT IS A PLEASURE TO ENDORSE
HIS NOMINATION TO ELEVATION TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,


W. ALVA FRY, A.I.A.
PRESIDENT OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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CC: ALBERT S. ROSS
FILE

April 5, 1957

Mr. W. Alva Fry, President
Oklahoma Chapter, A.I.A.
307 Philtower Building
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Fry:

Report of Actions of The Jury of Fellows
Re: Nominations of Members of Chapter

The Jury of Fellows has requested me to advise you of the following actions it has taken on nominations before it of corporate members who were considered for advancement to Fellowship:

Nominees Elected to Fellowship:

Albert Sidney Ross
Leon B. Senter

Herewith are copies of letters of notification to Messrs. Ross and Senter which are self-explanatory.

Nomination Referred to 1958 Meeting of Jury:

Joseph Edgar Smay

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

ERP/g
Inclosures

April 2, 1957

Mr. Albert Sidney Ross, F.A.I.A.
208 Cummings Building
Ada, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Ross:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in The College of Fellows for your notable contribution in Service to The Institute in accord with the action of The Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to request your presence at the 1957 Convention of The Institute, to be held in Washington, D. C., starting May 14, at the Sheraton-Park and Shoreham Hotels.

At the Sixth Annual Convocation of The College of Fellows at noon on Thursday, May 16, at the Hotel Carlton, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony, and it is highly important that each of the newly-elected Fellows be present.

The Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person.

Please send your response to The Institute at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Edward R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director

ERP/g

*Member
Ross, Albert S.*

*ABH
Miss Gervais*

ALBERT S. ROSS
ARCHITECT
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
208 CUMMINGS BUILDING
P. O. BOX 100

ADA, OKLAHOMA

April 5, 1957

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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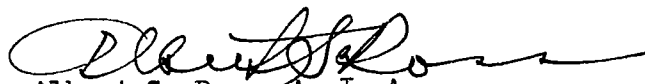
Dear Mr. Purves:

Thanks very much for your letter of April 2. I deeply appreciate the action of the Jury of Fellows in selecting me to receive the high honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects, and membership in the College of Fellows. I am unable to find words to adequately express the depth of my feelings when I received your letter informing me that I had been selected to receive this great honor.

I already have reservations, and had previously made definite plans to attend the convention, and will be present to receive the honor, as mentioned in your letter.

I do not have a recent photograph, but one will be made and forwarded to you in a few days, along with the other information requested.

Yours very truly,


Albert S. Ross, A. I. A.

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ALBERT S. ROSS, F.A.I.A.

Architect

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Post Office Box 8

Fellow of the American Institute of Architects
ADA, OKLAHOMA 74820

Telephone
(405) 332-2740

The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington
D. C. 20006

Re: Emeritus Status

Gentlemen:

The writer became a member of the American Institute of Architects in 1944, served as President of the Oklahoma Chapter in 1949, was made a Fellow of the Institute at the Centennial meeting in Washington, D. C. in 1957 and, as I will be 76 years old on January 9, 1974, I request Emeritus Status.

I have retired from active practice and have been 99.9% retired for the past 3 years.

It is amazing to me how far the Profession of Architecture, and the Institute, have come since World War II, and I am pleased to note that it continues to be in the forefront of progress in this nation.

Yours truly,

ASR:r


Albert S. Ross, FAIA

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January 7, 1974

Mr. Albert S. Ross, FAIA
Post Office Box 8
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Dear Mr. Ross:

In accordance with your recent request we are
enclosing an application for Membership Emeritus. *rec'd*

Please complete and return it to this office and we
will be glad to see that it is given proper considera-
tion.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures

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Enclosure

cc: Exec. Secretary, Oklahoma Chapter, AIA

Blind Note to Chapter: Please advise us of Mr. Ross'
standing and whether you approve of his being elected
a Member Emeritus.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reasons:

Check the appropriate reason

- ☒ I am more than 70 years of age.
- ☐ I am 60 years of age, retired, and not engaged in architecture.
- ☐ I am unable to engage in architecture.

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Oklahoma Chapter Chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date January 14 19 74

(Applicant's Full Signature In Ink)

Albert S. Ross, FAIA

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, the Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements as checked above.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

March 21, 1974

Mr. Albert S. Ross, FAIA
Member Emeritus
Post Office Box 8
Ada, Oklahoma 74820

Dear Mr. Ross:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your Chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA
Secretary

cc: Oklahoma Chapter, AIA
Oklahoma Council of Architects, AIA

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JULY 2, 1987

AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS
1935 NEW YORK AVE N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

ALBERT S. ROSS DIED ON APRIL 24, 1987.

HIS WIDOW WOULD LIKE HIS NAME
REMOVED FROM ALL MAILING LISTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

SINCERELY,

Sally Hallraich