

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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FOR ONE YEAR.

FRANK C. BALDWIN, Union Trust Building, Detroit, Mich.  
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FOR TWO YEARS.

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FOR THREE YEARS.

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MILTON B. MEDARY, JR., 1414 S. Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

AUDITORS.

JAMES G. HILL, Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C.  
ROBERT STEAD, 906 F. St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

\*Deceased.

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## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, NEW YORK CITY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1911.

Those present at this meeting were Messrs. Pond, Brown, Cook, Trowbridge, Medary and Gilbert.

The correspondence between the Utah Association of Architects and the American Institute of Architects was brought before the meeting and referred to the Committee on Competitions. It was moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to send a telegram to the Utah Association, stating that at the meeting of the Executive Committee, certain information in regard to this program was read and discussed and that the American Institute of Architects are in hearty sympathy with their endeavors to uphold the professional practice according to the Institute's regulations and trust they will do all in their power to see that this is carried, and the Institute will do all in its power to give them moral backing.

It was moved and carried that the President in the name of the Institute extend to the International Congress of Architects in Rome an invitation to come to America for the next Congress.

The Secretary was instructed to have struck the medal to be conferred on Mr. George B. Post by the Institute at the Convention. The programme for the presentation of the medal was discussed. It was moved and carried that the evening of December 13, be set apart for this ceremony.

The names of persons to be invited to attend the presentation were informally agreed upon and noted by the President.

The President suggested that Mr. J. R. Marshall be made chairman of the Committee on Banquet, with power to enlarge his committee.

Mr. Barker invited the Chapter to meet at one of the South County lodges in the near future, which invitation it was voted to accept with pleasure for the November meeting, the date of which shall be left to Messrs. Barker and Isham.

NORMAN M. ISHAM,  
Secretary.

#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Chapter, October 18, 1911, for the ensuing year:

President,	WILLIAM E. HUNT, Waterbury.
Vice-President,	F. IRVIN DAVIS, Hartford.
Secretary and Treasurer,	LOUIS A. WALSH, Waterbury.
Board of Directors,	The above officers and WILFRED E. GRIGGS, Waterbury.

#### NEW YORK CHAPTER.

##### QUARTERLY REVIEW OF CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 31, 1911.

The Chapter resumed its monthly meetings with the October meeting, at which thirty-four members were present.

During the quarter ending October 31, the Executive Committee has held six meetings.

The following gentlemen have been elected to Chapter membership: William P. Miller, Richard H. Dana, Jr., Alexander Phillips, Henry Killam Murphy.

During the consideration of the proposed new Charter for the City of New York at the recent session of the State Legislature, the Chapter's Committee on Legislation, Mr. Litchfield, Chairman, was actively engaged in an effort to secure such modifications of the sections dealing with the establishment of the office of Municipal Architect as would bring these sections into conformity with the Chapter's view. While the Charter failed of enactment, it is believed that the work which the Committee has done will be of material assistance when the Legislature again takes this subject up for consideration.

The Bill for the establishment of a State Art Commission failed of passage, but it will be reintroduced at the next session of the Legislature, and it is the hope and belief of the Committee that a satisfactory bill will be enacted.

The Chapter, through its Special Committee on County Court House Site, Mr. La Farge, Chairman, has been very actively engaged during the summer in confer-

ences with the City Club, the Bar Associations and many art and civic societies, and with the co-operation of Senator Stilwell a new bill was introduced and passed at the last session of the Legislature which practically prohibits the erection of the building in any public park. Since the passage of the bill, the Chapter's Committee has been in consultation with the Board of Estimate and the Court House Commission, and as a result of these conferences it considers the City Hall Park site as definitely and finally abandoned. The Committee has made careful studies of other sites in the vicinity, and has reported to the Board of Estimate its conclusions, and it believes that at a very early date a site will be chosen which will not encroach upon any public park and will meet with general approval.

The Chapter, through an important Special Committee of nine members, Mr. L. C. Holden, Chairman, is preparing to co-operate with and assist in every possible way the Factory Investigating Commission created by the Legislature. It is hoped that the scope of the Commission's investigation may be so broad as to take into consideration questions of city planning, congestion of population, etc., in addition to the more immediate and obvious study of present conditions as they effect the safety and health of factory employees.

The Chapter, through a Special Committee, Mr. Brainard, Chairman, is endeavoring to secure the approval by the responsible authorities of the City Government of the six per cent. fee for architects' services for all municipal work.

After conferences extending over several weeks during the early summer between the Joint Committee on City Departments representing the New York and Brooklyn Chapters, the American Institute of Consulting Engineers, the Building Trades Employers' Association, and the Underwriters, with the experts of the Aldermanic Building Committee over the proposed new building code, the Board of Aldermen finally adjourned without taking action. In view of the fact that the Joint Committee had spent so much time and effort upon this matter, it decided to commence *de novo* and draft a complete new building code. The Committee's work is nearing completion, and when completed it is proposed to submit the tentative draft to all members of the Chapter and societies interested in the subject and to invite their criticism, in the hope that a code may be developed and introduced in the Board of Aldermen with the united endorsement and backing of such societies.

The Chapter's delegates to the last Convention of the Institute returned with the determination to interest those members of the Chapter who are not members of the Institute to present their applications. A Special Committee was appointed for this purpose, F. H. Holden, Chairman, and as a result of its work to date thirteen of the Chapter members have been elected to membership in the Institute, and the names of twenty-five applicants have been announced and ballots sent out by the Secretary of the Institute.

The income from the Le Brun Traveling Scholarship fund will enable the Chapter to select the first beneficiary not later than March, 1912, so that he may leave for Europe during the month of May. Under the terms of the deed of gift the Executive

Committee is now considering the method by which the selection shall be made, and it hopes to announce its plan at an early date.

The Chapter records with sorrow the death of Bradford Lee Gilbert, a member of the Chapter since 1894, and an architect of high reputation in his profession, who was perhaps best known by reason of his very early adoption of the principle of steel skeleton construction in high buildings.

BURT L. FENNER,  
*Recorder.*

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER.

At the annual meeting of the New Jersey Chapter in October, 1911, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President,* . . . . . FRED W. WENTWORTH.
- First Vice-President,* . . . . . HERMAN KREITLER.
- Second Vice-President,* . . . . . HENRY BAECHLIN.
- Secretary,* . . . . . HUGH ROBERTS.
- Treasurer,* . . . . . JOHN F. CAPEN.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER.

At the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter, held October 9, 1911, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President,* . . . . . JOHN HALL RANKIN.
- First Vice-President,* . . . . . MILTON B. MEDARY, JR.
- Second Vice-President,* . . . . . DAVID KNICKERBACKER BOYD.
- Secretary,* . . . . . HORACE WELLS SELLERS.
- Treasurer,* . . . . . CHARLES L. BORIE, JR.

The Chapter, through its Committee on Preservation of Historic Monuments, has been largely instrumental in bringing to a satisfactory conclusion the long projected measures for the restoration of Congress Hall, the building adjoining Independence Hall and occupied by the United States Senate and House of Representatives when Philadelphia was the seat of National Government, exhaustive researches have been made by the Chapter's Committee to determine the original condition of the building and under a contract now entered into with the City, the Chapter is entrusted with preparation of the plans and with the supervision of the work of restoration under an appropriation by City Councils for the purpose.

HORACE WELLS SELLERS,  
*Secretary.*

BALTIMORE CHAPTER.

The following are the officers of the Baltimore Chapter for the year 1911-1912:

- President,* . . . . . J. B. NOEL WYATT.
- Vice-President,* . . . . . GEORGE WORTHINGTON.
- Secretary,* . . . . . DOUGLAS H. THOMAS, JR.
- Treasurer,* . . . . . WILLIAM W. EMMART.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER.

At the meeting of the Washington Chapter, held May 5, 1911, it was moved and seconded that the chairman be authorized to appoint a committee of three to draw up a resolution endorsing the Park Commission Plans for the erection of the Lincoln Memorial. The chair appointed Messrs. Dessez (Chairman), Marshall and Simon to act on this committee.

Mr. Dessez reported at the meeting of the Chapter, held September 1, 1911, that the above resolution was read on the floor of the Senate and referred to the Library Committee and the Special Committee created by Congress. The two committees will act jointly in the matter.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the advisability of licensing all Architects in the District of Columbia. The chair appointed Messrs. Glenn Brown, Ashford and Totten on the above Committee.

At the meeting of the Chapter, held October 6, 1911, it was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to suggest a plan of modification of the regulations pertaining to projections on parkings. The chairman appointed Messrs. Wood, Harris and Ashford on the above Committee.

WARD BROWN,  
*Secretary.*

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter, October 23, 1911, for the ensuing year:

- President,* . . . . . R. M. TRIMBLE.
- Vice-President,* . . . . . RICHARD HOOKER.
- Secretary,* . . . . . J. L. BEATTY.
- Treasurer,* . . . . . O. M. TOPP.