

Dated November 8, 1948. Received November 12 1948. Granted February 18, 1949.

MEMBERSHIP Nº 6543



#### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

A	Name of applicant. Benjamin Macson Gruzen
В	Address of applicant 87-83.168th. Street, Jamaica, Queens, New York 3, New York
C	Applicant proposed by B. Sumner Gruzen and Electus D. Litchfield
D	Application received with check for \$1000
E	Application returned for correction
F	Application in due order on
	Record of registration, Form \$39, Sent(N.Y). Nov. 17., 1948. Received. December 8, 1948.
G	Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
	(a) Form 811, reasonable time ending on December 18, 1948, on November 18, 1948.
	(b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on January 18, 1949, on December 20,19 49
H	Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on
I	Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ar that application be dendedureceived on
J	No report from chapter executive committee on
K	Application sent to The Board of Examiners on February 9, 19 49
L	The Board of Examiners reported on application on February 9, 19 49
M	Applicant was admitted on
N	Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on
0	Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$  returned to applicant on

#### 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

vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Benjamin Macson Gruzen

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 February 18, 19 49







#### 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

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

1. My full name is

BENJAMIN MACSON GRUZEN

2. I am a

NATURAL.

citizen of

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. My legal residence is in the City of New York

County of

Queens

State of New York

State whether

4. My address in The Institute records will be residence

87-83

Street 168th St.

City

Jamaica, Queens, NYC Zone 3

State New York

5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as practising architect

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 Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute.
- 8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
- 9. I enclose my check for \$10.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date

November 8

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#### **STATISTICS**

- 10. Date of birth August 21, 1910 Place of birth Chelsea, Massachusetts
- 11.(a) I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following-named states:

New York

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

New York

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

#### **EDUCATION**

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

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Senior High School Boston University	Chelsea, Mass. Boston, Mass.	1 1	1929	
Massachusetts Inst. of Technology Cooper Union	Boston, Mass.	2 14	1943	

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

Phillippine Islands

#### 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:

Eisenberg & Feer, Boston, Mass.	6 <b>/3</b> 1	9 <b>%</b> 31
B. S. Gruzen, Jersey City, N.J.	1/33	8/33
Housing Study Guild, N.Y.C.	9/33	9/35
U.S. Suburban Resettlement Admin.		
Washington, D.C.	10/35	10/36
H.A.Kelly & B.S.Gruzen, JerseyCityNJ	11/36	5/40
J.A.J. Construction Co., Harrison, N.J.	. 5/40	11/40
George Siegler Co., Jersey City, NJ.	11/40	7/41
Kelly & Gruzen, Jersey City NJ	7/41	10/43
U.S.Navy Seabees, 96th NCB.	10/43	12/45
Kelly & Gruzen, N.Y.C.	10/45	to date

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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

From

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#### **BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS**

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

### PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from to

  17. Junior of Institute from to

  18. Associate of Chapter from to

  19. Junior Associate of 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 life

years.

I have known the applicant for 2

years.

Signed.

B. Sumner Gruzen

220 Broadway, New York City

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Litchfield

220 Broadway, New York City

Address

Signed..

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PROF. EDUCATION



#### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

#### RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Benjamin Macson Gruzen, Jamaica, New York
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,

Board of Architectural Examiners, Albany, New York

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 November 17, 19 48

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		Secretary

1.	Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state?
2.	Was his registration or licensing by examination?
3.	What was the scope of the examination?  arch design 35 hist. theo, Sarch. 85  arch engineering 75 and practed for Su  What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 3 b hours; Oral examina-
4.	What was the period of the examination? ————————————————————————————————————
5.	When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?
6.	Date of first registration. 1948 Registration No. 5925. Is it current?
D	(Signature of Secretary of Goard)  Chief Bun of Prof Education  New York State Education Dept.  (Name of Board)
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 18, 1949

Dear Mr. Gruzen:

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 February 18, 1949.

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. Benjamin Macson Gruzen, A.I.A. 87-83 168th Street Jamsica, New York 3, New York

CWD/kk Enclosures

## benjamin macson gruzen

June 13, 1950

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

Gentlemen:

Since I now reside in Maplewood, N. J. instead of Jamaica, N. Y., it would be more convenient for me to attend meetings of the New Jersey Chapter of the A.I.A.

Therefore, please consider this letter a formal request to transfer my Chapter membership in the Institute from the New York City Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter.

I hold Architectural registration in New Jersey and Maryland as well as in New York State.

Very truly yours Benjamin Macson Luze

Benjamin M. Gruzen

BMG:md

Benjamin M. Gruzen 96 Plymouth Avenue Maplewood, New 'ersey HARRY M. PRINCE GEOFFRY N. LAWFORD ALONZO W. CLARK PRESIDENT

E-PRESIDENT SECRETARY



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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

# NEW YORK CHAPTER THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 115 EAST 40th STREET, NEW YORK 16

June 20, 1950

Edmund R. Purves, Esq., Executive Director American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Purves:

We are in receipt of Notice of Request Fer Transfer of Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen from this Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter, A. I. A.

This is to say that Mr. Gruzen is in good standing in this Chapter.

Yours very truly,

Asst. To Executive Secretary

MB

LAUREN V. POHLMAN, PRESIDENT

ELMER S. TUTHILL, 1st vice Pres.

J. RAYMOND KNOPF, 2ND VICE PRES-CAMDEN



ROMOLO BOTTELLI, JR., SECRETARY
45 BRANFORD PLACE
NEWARK 2

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2013 MORRIS AVENUE
UNION

#### **NEW JERSEY CHAPTER**

#### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

27 WASHINGTON STREET . NEWARK 2, N. J.

TELEPHONE MARKET 3-4477

ARTHUR B. HOLMES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

September 8, 1950

Miss Florence H. Gervais Secretary to The Board of Examiners The American Institute of Architects 1741 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

We are in receipt this morning of the second request for transfer of membership from the New York Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter of Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen.

I note the first request is dated June 15th and wish to advise you that we have had no meetings since that date at which action could be taken. I shall see to it that action is taken of Mr. Gruzen's transfer at our meeting of September 14th.

With personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Holmes Executive Director

ABH:cm

## benjamin macson gruzen

Executive Director, A. I.A. The Octagon, Washington 6, D. C. Dear Sir:

Under date of June 15, 1950 you issued a "notice of Request for Transfer" from the new York Chapter to the new Jersey Chapter. To date, I have received no notice of transfer. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours, Benjamin Macson Gruzen, A.I.A. 96 Plymouth avenue Maplewood, new Jersey THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Holmes:

On September 8th you wrote to me with regard to the request of June 13th from Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen, A.I.A., of Maplewood, NaJa, to transfer his chapter assignment from the New York Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter, and advised that you expected action on this request to be taken at your meeting on September 14th.

Mr. Grusen has just written to us to inquire about the status of his transfer, and we hope that you can give us the necessary information to enable us to act on the transfer at an early date.

We have a report of his good standing in the New York Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to The Board of Examiners

Mr. Arthur B. Holmes, Executive Director New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A. 27 Washington Street Newark 2, New Jersey

Copy to Mr. Grusen

Secretary New York Chapter, A.I.A.

## KELLY & GRUZEN ARCHITECTS • ENGINEERS

NEW YORK CITY . JERSEY CITY . NEWARK . PATERSON . BOSTON

January 2, 1951

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

Attention: Miss Florence H. Gervais,

Secretary to The Board of Examiners

Gentlemen:

On June 13th, 1950, I requested that my Chapter assignment be transferred from the New York Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter.

I would appreciate your informing me what action has been taken on this transfer request.

Very truly yours,

Benjemin M. Gruzen

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REPLY TO 80 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK II, NEW YORK

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

Panuary 4, 1951

#### Dear Mr.Gruzen:

Your letter of January 2nd is at hand, and I truly am sorry that I cannot report progress on your request for transfer to the New Jersey Chapter.

You no doubt received a copy of my letter of November 15th to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Chapter as indirect response to your inquiry of November 11th.

We have no record of a response to that letter, and are writing again urgently requesting advice of any action which the Chapter may have taken in the matter at an early date.

As soon as we hear from the Chapter we shall let you know.

Sincerely yours.

Secretary to The Board of Examiners

Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen, A.I.A. 96 Plymouth Avenue Maplewood, New Jersey

January 4, 1951

Dear Mr. Bottell1:

We shall greatly appreciate your assistance in clearing up a long-standing request of Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen, A.I.A., 96 Plymouth Avenue, Maplewood, New Jersey, for transfer to the New Jersey Chapter from the New York Chapter.

He is in good standing in the New York Chapter, but we must have advice that his transfer to the New Jersey Chapter is approved.

Mr. Gruzen requested this transfer in June of 1952 and we have communicated with your Chapter in June, September, and November, asking for advice of chapter action, but have not received a response to our last inquiry of November 15th.

Mr.Gruzen has written to us twice in the interim asking about this transfer, and we are writing to him today advising we are contacting the chapter in an effort to clear up the case at an early date.

May we not hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Renkin Administrative Secretary

Mr. Romolo Bottelli, Jr., Secretary New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A. 45 Branford Place Newark 2, New Jersey

JWR/fhg



# DOUGLAS WILLIAM ORR PRESIDENT SEARLE H, VON STORCH VICE PRESIDENT ALEXANDER C, ROBINSON, III SECRETARY CHARLES F, CELLARIUS TREASURER

# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W. WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

EDWARD C. KEMPER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLAIR W. DITCHY

SECRETARY

GLENN STANTON

STANTON

VICE PRESIDENT

January 5, 1951

Extract from letter from Arthur B. Holmes, Executive Director, New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A. – above date (that letter referring to application for readmission of John Harman Harvey and forwarding his application and check)

"We also wish to state that the Chapter recommends the transfer of Benjamin W. Gruzen from the New York Chapter to the New Jersey Chapter."

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# THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 1741 New York Avenue, N. W. Washington 6, D. C.

January 10, 1951

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - January 1, 1951

TO: Transferred Member:

Mr. Benjamin M. Grusen, A.I.A.

96 Plymouth Avenue Maplewood, New Jersey

Secretary of Chapter To Which Member is Transferred Mr. Romolo Bottelli, Jr., Secretary

New Jersey Chapter, A.I.A.

45 Branford Place Newark 2, New Jersey

Secretary of Chapter From Which Member Is Transferred

Mr. Alonzo W. Clark, Secretary New York Chapter, A.I.A. 115 East 40th Street New York 16, New York

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy to the Secretary,

New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.

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December 18, 1962

Mr. Benjamin H. Grusen, Als. 96 Plymouth Avenue Haplewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Gruzen:

On behalf of The President and The Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you of your reappointment as corresponding member of the Committee on Specifications. Your appointment will begin January 1, 1963 and will terminate on December 31, 1963.

We sincerely trust you will be able to accept this reappointment and thus continue to make a contribution to the welfare of the profession.

As you know, The Institute will reimburse you for traveling expenses and costs of living when on Committee business away from your home city, in accordance with the enclosed statement of expenses. A copy of this Committee's membership for 1963 and a statement of its duties are also enclosed.

I hope that you will let me know of your acceptance not later than December 31. If I do not hear affirmatively from you by that time, The President may find it necessary to appoint another member in your place.

Please send your reply to me, Committee on Committees, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, 6, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur Gould Odell, Jr., FAIA Second Vice President Chairman, Committee on Committees

cc: Fresident Wright Regional Director Res



### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

## Application for Membership Emeritus

TO THE SECRETARY, THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS I hereby apply for Membership Emeritus in the Institute for the following reasons: (Check the appropriate reason) I am unable to practice architecture because (state nature of incapacitation) 💢 I am receiving full benefits under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. I have been in good standing in the Institute and the New Jevsey for 15 successive years. If and when elected to Membership Emeritus, I wish to continue to receive AIA mailings and publica-Yes 🏹 October 10, 1978 (written and printed signature) Macson Gruzen AlA Apt 324, Santa Clara CA 95050 Information for applicant: The applicant may supplement the above reasons on a blank sheet. In exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, the Secretary of the Institute may lessen the period of good standing but not the other conditions. Upon election to Membership Emeritus, all rights and privileges of membership, including the use of the title Member Emeritus written in full after the initials "AIA" or "FAIA", as the case may be, remain intact while the member is exempted from further dues payments to the Institute

Members Emeriti have the option to remain on the AIA mailing list for \$15 per year to help defray mailing costs. Members Emeriti who do not wish to receive AIA mailings and publications

and the member's Chapter and State.

need not pay this mailing charge.

#### from the **desk of** BENJAMIN **M.** GRUZEN

10/10/78

No. Maureen Marx

AIA., Wash. DC

Please change my address from 96 Plymonth and Maplewood NJ 07040

to: 150 Saratoga Cive apt 324, Santa Clara CA 95050

Dwas born Avgust 21, 1910. Member AIA Peb 18, 1949 November 17, 1978

Mr. Benjamin M. Gruzen, AIA, Member Emeritus 150 Saratoga Avenue Apartment 324 Santa Clara, California 95050

Dear Mr. Gruzen:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your membership classification has been changed to Member Emeritus.

We are grateful for your many years of support and we hope that your participation and interest will continue, even though you are now relieved of further dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Lawrence, FAIA Secretary

RML/bjm

cc: New Jersey Society of Architects, AIA

BENJAMIN M. GRUZEN	November 26 1978
96 PLYMOUTH AVENUE	1 10 100 2 20 19/8
MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY 07040	150 Saratoza Ave
201.762.9524	150 Saratoga Ave Apt 324 Santa Clara CA 95051
	Santa Clara CA 9505
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1735 Myanenw	
Washington D.C. 20006	

Dear Ms Marx,

attenting: Mrs. Maureen Mary

AIA

& was pleased to receive the hovember 17th letter from Secretary Lawrence FAIA that my membership classification is now AIA Member Emeritus and that I am fee to participate in AIA affairs altho relieved of forther dues payments.

Since hew Jersey is too for from my present address for such gartrepatross & request transfer from the Ken Jersey Society of Orchiterts) AIA to the California State AIA. I also note that there is a local A 1 th chapter called the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the AIA" and request transfer from the Newark (N.J) Chapter-AIA to this

NOV 29 1978

I believe you know my repher Jordan L. Yugen FAIA brother Barney Grungen & Partners and my late brother Barney Grungen FAIA. Smerely Benjamin M. Hugen AIA, Member Emonitors



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#### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

January 23, 1979

Mrs. Helen Schneider, Exec. Director New Jersey Society of Architects, AIA 110 Halsted St. East Orange, NJ 07018

Dear Helen:

Re: Transfer request of Benjamin M. Gruzen dated November 30, 1978

The chapter to which this member wants to transfer has approved his request.

However, we have not as yet received verification of his good standing in your chapter.

If he is in arrears for outstanding dues, please advise us within two weeks from now. Unless we hear from you to that effect, we will go ahead with final action on the assumption that you have no objection.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director

Membership Records

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### THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## Notice of Transfer of Membership

To:

Benjamin M. Gruzen, AIA, Member Emeritus

150 Seratega Ave., Apt. 324

Sante Clere, CA

From:

New Jersey Society of Architects, AIA

To:

Senta Clara Valley Chapter, AIA

California Council, AIA

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION:

Member Emeritus

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER:

January 30, 1979

The Secretary of the Institute hereby notifies you that the chapter and state assignment of the above named has been transferred as noted above.

Please adjust your records accordingly.

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Date	(SECRETARY)