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APPENDIX B.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Dec 27th

1901

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects:

SIR: I respectfully apply for Associate membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and agree, if elected, to honorably maintain and obey them.

My full name is Sumner P. Hunt

My address is 701 Laughlin Bldg Los Angeles Cal

I am employed by Hunt & Eager

I am a member of the firm of Hunt & Eager

I began the study of architecture in the year 1881

I began the independent practice of architecture in the year 1891

Received,
JAN 7 1902

Answered -----

The accompanying photographs show buildings or other work designed by me.

No. 1 is The Byrne Building on 3rd St and Broadway in Los Angeles
(Give description of same.)

No. 2 is Residence of Mr. Charles Sherman Westlake in Los Angeles

No. 3 is Residence of Mr. J. F. Francis on 9th + Bonnie Bldg St. Los Angeles

The accompanying drawings are #1 design for a school house in Los Angeles
(Give description of any drawings the applicant may choose to submit.)

#2 Front elevation of a house for Prof. C. C. Bradburn at Pasadena Cal

Respectfully submitted, Sumner P. Hunt
(Signature of Applicant.)

We, the undersigned Fellows or Associates of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the above statement and believe it to be accurate. We know Mr. Sumner P. Hunt personally, are familiar with his professional work and practice and desire his election as an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects.

(The signatures of three Institute Members are here required.)

John Parkinson
Arthur Morgan
John M. Thompson

We, the undersigned residents of Los Angeles California know Mr. Sumner P. Hunt personally, and believe him to be capable in his profession and honorable in all his dealings.

(Here the candidate may secure the signatures of residents in the city or town wherein he is at present practicing. The address of each indorser must follow his name.)

Thomas L. Gifford Laughlin Bldg. L. A.
R. E. Gibson Byrne Bldg. " "
W. C. Patterson
Los Angeles National Bank L. A.

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January 28th-1919.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

By direction of the Secretary I advise you with regret that your Institute membership was discontinued on January 1, 1919, on account of non-payment of dues.

As you know, this will automatically discontinue your Chapter membership, and I am, therefore, sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Southern California Chapter, Mr. H. F. Withey, for his information and guidance.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Sumner P. Hunt,
Laughlin Bldg.,
Los Angeles Cal.

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

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June 8, 1920.

My dear Mr. Hunt:-

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on
May 3, 1920, you were reinstated as an Institute Member in
good standing, effective January 1, 1920.

The customary initiation fee was waived.

By direction of the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Sumner Hunt,
701 Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Copy to Mr. R. G. Hubby,
Secretary, Southern California Chapter.

K-P.

**Proceedings
Sixty-Fifth
Convention
The
American
Institute of Architects**

April 27-29, 1932

Washington, D. C.

CHAIRMAN BUTLER: I think we may congratulate ourselves that Mr. Kimball declined the first invitation and picked his own subject.

The meeting is over so far as the Committee on Education is concerned. Mr. Kohn, will you take command here now?

... President Robert B. Kohn took the Chair ...

PRESIDENT KOHN: In accordance with our usual custom on the evening of the meeting of the Committee on Education and its report, is the time of the announcement of the elections to fellowship and the reading of citations and the giving of certificates of fellowship.

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As you know, the Jury of Fellows make the award after investigation in accordance with a system that has been devised in recent years by which their procedure and their consideration is quite onerous and quite secret from us, but they do prepare a citation giving their reasons for these awards.

The first in the list, as I have it before me, is William G. Kaelber, of Central, New York. I will ask Mr. Butler to read the citation.

MR. BUTLER: William G. Kaelber, for the high quality of his executed work, and leadership in his profession.

... Mr. Kaelber came forward and received his certificate, amid applause ...

PRESIDENT KOHN: G. Howard Chamberlin!

MR. BUTLER: G. Howard Chamberlin, for his notable work in School Design, and service to his city.

... Mr. Chamberlin came forward and received his certificate, amid applause ...

PRESIDENT KOHN: Andrew J. Thomas, of New York!

MR. BUTLER: Andrew J. Thomas, for his achievements in Public Welfare through the development of the Apartment House and the betterment of Housing for the masses.

PRESIDENT KOHN: Mr. Thomas has received so many prizes in his lifetime that he has a particular walk that he has developed on the way up.

... Mr. Thomas came forward and received his certificate, amid applause ...

PRESIDENT KOHN: Ralph Thomas Walker!

MR. BUTLER: Ralph Thomas Walker, for his notable contributions in design, the excellence of his executed work, and the outstanding place gained in the profession.

... Mr. Walker came forward and received his certificate, amid applause ...

PRESIDENT KOHN: Sumner P. Hunt!

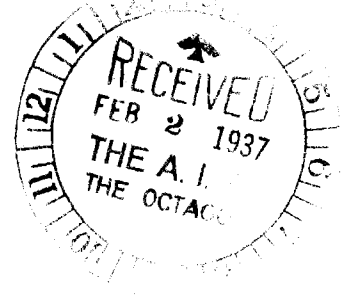
MR. BUTLER: Sumner P. Hunt, for the unselfish service rendered the public and his associates, and the distinguished manner in which he has always conducted his practice.

PRESIDENT KOHN: Richardson Brognard Okie!

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My Bd.



January 26, 1937

Dear Mr. Hunt:

We have received, through Mr. Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer of The Institute, your letter of January 11th requesting that your name be placed on the membership rolls of The Institute as a Member Emeritus, thus being exempt from the payment of further dues to The Institute and your chapter.

It appears that you are eligible to become a Member Emeritus, and your request will be submitted to The Board [or Executive Committee] at its next meeting for consideration, and as of December 31, 1936.

We shall notify you, after the meeting, of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g
Copy to Mr. Bergstrom. ✓ *F.L.S.*
Secretary, Southern California Chapter

Mr. Sumner P. Hunt, F.A.I.A.,
701 Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, California.



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*Can not
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SUMNER HUNT, F. A. I. A.
ARCHITECT
Seventh Floor, Laughlin Building
LOS ANGELES

April 9, 1937.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Referring to your favor of January 26th, in which you said "It appears that you are eligible to become a Member Emeritus, and your request will be submitted to The Board or Executive Committee at its next meeting for consideration, and as of December 31, 1936. We shall notify you, after the meeting, of the action taken", I have received since that date no further advices and still receive statements of account showing dues still due for the year 1937.

In this connection, I also received a letter from Mr. Bergstrom, Treasurer, saying:

"I have your letter of January 11th, in which you apply to The Institute for retirement as of December 31, 1936. This application will come before the Board at its next meeting, and undoubtedly will be granted as the facts of the case are clear. You will receive a due bill for 1937 dues, if you have not already received it. Confirming my telephone conversation with you, I would not think it necessary for you to pay this because of the retroactive feature of your application. I am quite sure the Secretary will protect your good standing in The Institute meanwhile, on account of the circumstances."

I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to the decision of the Executive Committee in this matter.

With kind personal regards, as ever

Sincerely,

SPH:N

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sumner Hunt".

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May 15

April 15, 1937

Mr. Sumner Hunt,
Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.

April 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Hunt:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 9th, inquiring with regard to the status of your application to have your name placed on the membership rolls of The Institute as a Member Emeritus.

Since the receipt of your application there has been no meeting of The Board of Directors of The Institute which must pass on such requests.

The next meeting is scheduled to begin on May 26th - just preceding the Convention, and your application will be submitted for the consideration of The Board at that time.

In the meantime we must send statements for dues. Should the Board take action on your application as of December 31, 1936, no Institute dues for 1937 need be paid by you. Please hold the statements until we can send you formal notification of the action of the Board.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Sumner Hunt, F.A.I.A.,
Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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July 30, 1937.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

This will formally advise you that The Board of Directors of The Institute, at its meeting in May, 1937, voted to exempt you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and the Southern California Chapter, effective January 1, 1937.

Accordingly, your name has been placed on the rolls of The Institute as a Member Emeritus as of that date.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been advised of the action taken.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Sumner Hunt, F.A.I.A.,
701 Laughlin Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

MORE SPONSORS

The following names have been added to the Honor Roll of sponsors of the Chapter Book: J. E. Allison; J. C. Austin; H. C. Chambers; R. V. Derrah; A. M. Hutchason; S. E. Lunden; H. C. Newton; W. L. Reichardt; A. F. Rosenheim; A. G. Siple; H. J. Spielman; K. S. Wing; D. J. Witmer; A. C. Zimmerman.

CONSTRUCTION CONGRESS

Two of our Members were speakers at the California Construction Congress at Fresno, November 16th. Vice-President Samuel E. Lunden, representing the Chapter, spoke on *Civil Service Provisions and Contract Act*, and Director Sylvanus B. Marston, representing the S.A.C.A., Southern Section, discussed the *Architectural Practice Act*.

Old Stuff

June 12, 1901: Members were permitted to participate in a Competition for a Schoolhouse for the City of Los Angeles.

July 29, 1901: Adopted a motion by Mr. Theo. A. Eisen to appoint a Committee to prepare rules under which Members might Participate in a Competition for the Chamber of Commerce Building.

August 19, 1901: Mr. Eisen brought up the Competition for the new County Jail and reported that the Board of Supervisors would not agree to all of the rules of the Chapter, but would agree to payment of the full commission.

December 27, 1901: Adopted a motion "That the Members of this Chapter respectfully decline to participate in the Competition for the proposed Chamber of Commerce Building, under the rules laid down in the circular letter issued by the Chamber, but that Members would be willing to compete under the rules or suggestions offered by this Chapter."

January 20, 1902: Defeated a motion "that the Chapter in this instance waive a strict compliance with its rules regarding competition" in order to allow its Members to participate in the Competition for the Chamber of Commerce Building.

February 14, 1905: A communication was read from the State Board of Architecture requesting the cooperation of this Chapter in the furtherance of the new bill before the State Legislature requiring that all plans of buildings costing more than \$2,000 shall be made by a certificated Architect.

SUMNER P. HUNT

Less than a month ago Sumner P. Hunt, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and Life Member of the Southern California Chapter, attended his last Chapter Meeting. Apparently in excellent health and far younger in intellectual vigor and physical appearance than his age would indicate, he evidenced his customary alert interest in Chapter affairs.

Characteristic was his keen insight into people and current problems,—thoroughly intuitive, followed by an instant and accurate judgment, with a bluff, rugged, outspoken honesty of mind and spirit equaled only by his deep kindness and love of his fellows, and his staunch devotion to friends. Though broad in his outlook and consistently tolerant, Sumner Hunt was impatient with any lack of integrity. So honest was he that when on a rare occasion his previously expressed judgment proved incorrect, he instantly announced his error.

Sumner Hunt was born May 8, 1865, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Stephen P. and Harriet Conkling Hunt. He was educated in private schools until he commenced the study of architecture in the office of Clarence B. Cutler in Troy, N. Y., and later in New York City, where he remained until 1889. In that year he came to Los Angeles and entered the office of Calkins and Haas. It is interesting to note that the late Professor Boring, Dean of Architecture at Columbia University, was also a member of this office. As a young man, fresh from schooling in Paris, John Galen Howard came to this same office. Sumner Hunt's first important work there was the development of working details and supervision of construction of the old City Hall.

In 1892 he married Mary Hancock Chapman. After 1895 he was the continuing member of successive partnerships with Theodore Eisen, A. W. Eager, later with Eager and Silas S. Burns, and from 1910 to 1930, when Mr. Burns retired, as Hunt and Burns. During this period he designed many of the larger homes of the city. His clients became his friends and remained his clients. His early influence was largely responsible in directing local domestic architecture from the prevailing millwork type to one of simpler lines.

His practice, however, covered a wider range of work. Besides a formidable list of high schools, most of the country clubs, many of the women's clubs (of which the Ebelle of Los

Angeles is perhaps outstanding) it included such unrelated work as the Southwest Museum, Children's Hospital, industrial plants, a library, an Instrument Station for the Seismological Society, as well as all of the earlier work of the Los Angeles Playground Department. He established this Department in its policy of requiring simple, sincere architecture.

Mr. Hunt's sense of civic and community responsibility was strong and exemplified by his constructive efforts. He was instrumental in establishing the City Planning Commission and served for two years as its President. He was a member of the Municipal League and of the Seismological Society of Southern California, and a director of the Landmarks Club. For some years he served his profession as a member of the State Board of Architectural Examiners. He was a charter member of the Engineers and Architects Association of Southern California.

Mr. Hunt was instrumental in forming the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1894, and served as its President in 1922 and 1923.

Perhaps his most valuable contribution to the community was his early recognition of the earthquake hazards and constant urging of the need of sound and more adequate structure, especially as Chairman of the American Institute Committee on Earthquake Hazards, and later, after the Long Beach earthquake, as an active and valuable member of the Joint Committee on Earthquake Hazards headed by Dr. Robert Millikan.

On November 19, 1938, after a short illness, Sumner Hunt died. His daughter, Louise, survives him.

To his profession he brought a character so honest and staunch, so kindly, true and lovable that he will remain in the hearts of his friends vibrant, ever-living, real.

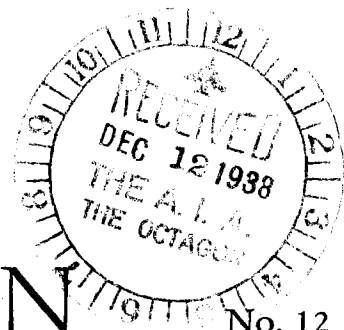
—DAVID J. WITMER

"Houses are merely the next step in that increasing line of public services and utilities which now includes water-supply, street-paving, transportation and such matters. Every individual is just as much entitled to a minimum of shelter as he is to a minimum of clean water, and the conditions of a complex industrial society make it unavoidable that governments should themselves assume the responsibility for providing both."

CATHERINE BAUER,
in *Modern Housing*

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VOL. III

THE BULLETIN

No. 12

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
201 ARCHITECTS BUILDING • LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA • EDGAR BISSANTZ, SECRETARY

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NOVEMBER MEETING

A quorum meeting was held at the Mona Lisa Restaurant on November 8th. In the absence of the Committee Chairman, and on behalf of the Nominating Committee composed of Mr. J. E. Allison, Chairman; Mr. Reginald D. Johnson; Mr. Edgar Maybury; Mr. Donald M. Parkinson; and Mr. Sumner Spaulding, Mr. Maybury presented the following nominations for Chapter Officers for 1939:

- President . . . EUGENE WESTON, JR.
- Vice-President . . . EDGAR BISSANTZ
- Secretary . . . BEN H. O'CONNOR
- Treasurer . . . EARL T. HEITSCHMIDT
- Director 3 Yrs. . . SAMUEL E. LUNDEN

President Weston introduced Mr. C. H. FENNELL, *Executive Director* of the Los Angeles City Housing Authority, who stated that the City Authority is now working out a cooperative agreement with the Los Angeles City Council regarding "equivalent demolition" of slum properties.

Also introduced was Mr. WALTER WRIGHT ALLEY, *Technical Director* of the City Authority, who explained the Real Property Inventory which must be made before local city projects may be qualified by the USHA.

Mr. WILLIAM BURK, of the Los Angeles County Coordinating Councils, composed of 79 inter-related social and welfare agencies, spoke on *The Social Aspects of Poor Housing*. His excellent address met with enthusiastic applause and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to hear it. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Burk was asked if the Members of the City Council were familiar with the figures which he had presented showing the great cost to the City occasioned by delinquency and ill health caused by poor housing. The officials, said he, were generally well aware of conditions, but were obliged to vote as required by their constituents, the problem now being that of educating the public to support the slum clearance and housing activities of the legislators.

C A L E N D A R

DECEMBER, 1938

PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING—Tuesday, December 13th, 6:30 P.M., Mona Lisa Restaurant, 3343 Wilshire Boulevard, Dinner \$1.00. Private Bar.

BIG SURPRISE! The Chapter Associates will be in charge.

Election of Officers.

MANY ENTRIES

A gratifying interest in the 1939 Honor Awards Program was reported by Chairman William H. Harrison. 97 works were entered by licensed Architects. Members of the Jury of Awards are Mr. GARDNER C. DAILEY and Mr. ERNEST E. WEIHE, of San Francisco, and Mr. ROLAND E. COATE, of Los Angeles. Announcement of Awards will be made in the next BULLETIN.

EMPLOY COUNSELLOR

Chairman Donald B. Kirby of the special Committee on Public Information reports the employment by the Chapter of Mr. John R. Little, writer and public relations expert, to prepare a comprehensive program of public information and publicity for the Chapter during the next 18 months. Detailed information will be available soon.

NEW JUNIOR

Mr. Eduardo Jose Samaniego has been admitted to Junior Associateship in this Chapter. Mr. Samaniego was a Junior Member until that form of membership was abolished. The Chapter welcomes his return.

PLEASE!

Only a few members are delinquent in payment of dues to The Institute, or the Chapter. Treasurer Heitschmidt urges them to complete their payments *without delay* for, according to the By-Laws, after December 31st such members will be suspended.

HONOR MISS BAUER

Nearly 100 Members and guests attended a special meeting of the Chapter held at the Biltmore Hotel, December 1st, to hear Miss Catherine Bauer, Director of Research and Information for the United States Housing Authority, and author of *Modern Housing*. Among the guests were members of the local Housing Authorities.

In a brilliant informal talk, Miss Bauer outlined the progress that has been made by the USHA during the 13 months of its existence. The best interest in the public housing program on the part of the architectural profession, said she, has come from the Architects of Los Angeles, which was unlike some cities where the Architects were either indifferent or actually opposed to public housing.

There is a long step, said Miss Bauer, between being "in favor of housing," and actually taking the responsibility of seeing that a housing program is successfully carried out. Housing cuts across all fields of human endeavor, so that Architects now face responsibilities which they have never had an opportunity to assume in the past.

Although some European nations have been pioneers in housing, no other nation has made as much progress in this field in the short time that has been required to get the movement firmly grounded here.

The conditions in Southern California, said Miss Bauer, present excellent opportunities for a fresh approach to the technique of housing that may be much greater than the mere production of "adequate" houses. In the discipline of cost and use limitations placed upon the designers of USHA housing may lie the basis of a sounder architecture. Southern California still has a chance to create the basis for a fine urban and suburban community life, or awful chaos. If the influence of planning technique in housing alters the whole framework of city planning and the growth of environment it will have an incalculably beneficial effect.