

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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March 10, 1939.

Dear Mr. Hugman:

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 have been admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the West Texas Chapter as of March 10, 1939. 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,

Chas. J. Ingraham
Secretary.

CTI:LF
Enclosures

Mr. Robert H. H. Hugman, A.I.A.,
128 W. Commerce Street,
San Antonio, Texas.

ROBERT H. H.



107 1/2 W. COMM. ST., SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
TELEPHONES G-2113 AND C-1504

31 March 1959

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

Dear Sir:

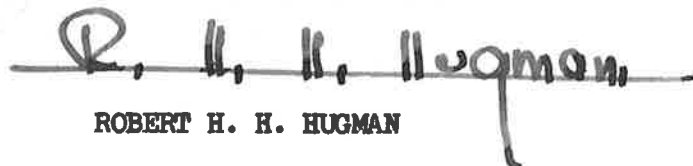
Please note the enclosed correspondence which is in fact all window display, as the facts are as follows:

There has never been a time when I could not pay my dues but to put it simply, I did not choose to waste my time with the local chapter as basically it has never lived up to the ideals set forth by the national organization. The local chapter operates more like a lion's den only not that well because when the older lions get their fill, they would let the younger lions eat, which is more than the older firms in San Antonio did.

When a local promoter tells you that he can get all the A.I.A. plans he wants for 3%, then it is time to go to work for the government. There are four local former A.I.A. Architects here at Randolph Air Force Base and none of us would spend a dime on the local chapter.

I am sure we would all keep our National affiliation if that were possible. If you gentlemen care about the Architects of Headquarters Air Training Command do something for us, if not we are out all together.

Sincerely,


ROBERT H. H. HUGMAN

Bob,
I am sure you realize that the Chapter By-laws require automatic suspension if dues are not paid by the end of the calendar year. Please make every effort to get your dues current so we may continue to enjoy your association with the Chapter.
Yours
Jerry

[transcription by archivist in 2019:]

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Yours
Jerry

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

TO Robert H. H. Higgins

DATE 14 Feb 51

STATEMENT

DUES FOR YEAR 1951

CORPORATE MEMBER.....	\$ 50.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBER.....	_____
JUNIOR ASSOCIATE.....	_____
STUDENT ASSOCIATE.....	_____

PAST DUES

FOR YEAR(S) 1950..... 50.00

TOTAL..... \$ 100.00

YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT WILL BE APPRECIATED
DETACH STATEMENT HEAD AND RETURN WITH
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SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Treasurer

18 February 1959

San Antonio Chapter
The American Institute of Architects
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

After more than twenty-five years as a corporate member of the National A.I.A., I am finally tendering my resignation for the following reasons:

In 1955 I decided not to follow my profession completely and tried to resign from the local chapter but was told this was not possible without also giving up my national membership. Under protest I continued paying both the national and local dues but in 1957 I took a position with the Government, thus making the A.I.A. dues paying situation even more illogical for me.

As of today I learned that I should resign as a matter of good policy, which I now do.

Sincerely,

ROBERT H. H. HUGHAN



SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

P. O. Box 8308
LAUREL HEIGHTS STATION
SAN ANTONIO 12, TEXAS

14 MARCH 1959

MR. ROBERT H. H. HUGMAN,
107 1/2 WEST COMMERCE STREET,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DEAR BOB,

REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONCERNING YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS IN THE LOCAL CHAPTER, AND TO YOUR LETTER OF 18 FEBRUARY 1959 TENDERING YOUR RESIGNATION.


THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND ALTHOUGH THE COMMITTEE WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH YOUR POSITION ON THE MATTER, WE FIND THAT THE BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DO NOT PERMIT US TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION. THE PERTINENT SECTIONS ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"EVERY CORPORATE MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE 'IPSO FACTO' SHALL BE AND REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER AND STATE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH HE IS ASSIGNED OR REASSIGNED UNTIL HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE IS TERMINATED, AND SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL DUES OF SUCH CHAPTER AND STATE ORGANIZATION AS FIXED BY THEM".

"A CORPORATE MEMBER MAY RESIGN FROM THE INSTITUTE IF HE IS IN GOOD STANDING AND IS NOT UNDER CHARGES, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. TO RESIGN, HE MUST DO SO IN WRITING DIRECTED AND SENT BY HIM TO THE SECRETARY, AND IF THE SECRETARY FINDS THE MEMBER IS QUALIFIED TO RESIGN ON THE DATE HE RECEIVES THE RESIGNATION, THE RESIGNATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AS OF THAT DATE".

PLEASE NOTE THAT, UNDER THE BY-LAWS, A MEMBER IS AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNED TO A CHAPTER AND MUST PAY ITS DUES, AND TO RESIGN HE MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING (NOT DELINQUENT IN DUES). THE RESIGNATION MUST BE SENT DIRECT TO THE SECRETARY, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, 1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W., WASHINGTON D. C.

VERY TRULY YOURS,


JERRY ROGERS
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Purves

April 8, 1959

Mr. Robert H. N. Hugman, A.I.A.
107½ W. Comm. St.
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Hugman:

On behalf of The Secretary of The Institute, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 31st concerning your wish to resign your corporate membership in The Institute and the San Antonio Chapter.

We are very sorry to hear of this and in examining the correspondence which you forwarded, find that Mr. Jerry Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer of the Chapter has given you the correct information as to the conditions under which The Secretary of The Institute may accept the resignation of a corporate member.

We are sorry, too, to hear of the conditions in the practice of architecture in your area and are doing what we can to look into it.

Yours sincerely,

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

bc! Secretary Wilson
 Director Brooks

April 8, 1959

Mr. R. Max Brooks, F.A.I.A., Director
Texas District, A.I.A.
203 Perry-Brooks Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Max:

It will be appreciated if you will look over the attached correspondence and let us have your recommendations.

Shall we do anything other than let nature take its course?

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosures

Copy to Secretary Wilson

FAG

April 16, 1959

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 Ned:

I have your letter of April 8th with attached correspondence concerning Mr. Robert H. H. Hugman and the San Antonio Chapter. This particular case, I think, points up again a problem in the Institute wherein there seems to be a growing financial gap between the young practising architect or the salaried architect, and the financial requirements of local Chapters and the Institute nationally. If local chapters and their State organizations are to be aggressive, effective tools of the Institute they must have substantial funds on which to operate, and for low income members I am sure the necessary dues become quite a problem. I believe this particular thing is being recognized by the Committee on Structure of the Institute and some study is being made of this situation.

As to Mr. Hugman's charges against the local chapter I feel these are completely unwarranted and result from his frustration in having to give up actual practice and take a government job. The San Antonio Chapter is a high level chapter with many outstanding members representing some of the State's best known architectural firms. I have been personally associated with two San Antonio firms (Ayres and Ayres, and Phelps, Dewees and Simmons) and I am one-hundred per cent sure that fee cutting is far from a part of their way of doing business. I think if this type of thing was prevalent I would have heard of it long before now.

I will be attending a T.S.A. regional meeting in Lubbock this week and will talk informally with some of the San Antonio people about this matter but I feel, at the moment, that we should do as you suggest and let nature take its course.

Sincerely,



R. Max Brooks

RMB:jed

cc: Mr. Leo M. J. Diehlmann, President, San Antonio Chapter
Mr. Philip Will, Chairman, Committee on Structure
Mr. Edward L. Wilson, Secretary, A.I.A. ✓

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Hugman, Robert H.H.*
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*Resignation
Suspense*

April 17, 1959

Mr. Robert H. H. Hugman, A.I.A.
107½ West Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Hugman:

Mr. Purves has turned over to me your letter of March 31st with its enclosures, and copy of his letter to you of April 8th.

Apparently, the attached correspondence, and statement of your dues to the San Antonio Chapter, are original documents taken from your own files and records and therefore are returned.

It is hoped that you will find it possible to take care of your Chapter dues, thus restoring your corporate membership to good standing, which would permit acceptance of your resignation if you do not change your decision to terminate your affiliation with your professional society.

The situation about which you write has been called to the attention of the Regional Director for Texas, R. Max Brooks, F.A.I.A., who expects to be in Lubbock, next week. Perhaps there will be opportunity for him to discuss the matter with members of officers of the Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Mr. Edward L. Wilson, Secretary, A.I.A.
cc: Mr. R. Max Brooks, Director, Texas District, A.I.A.
Mr. Leo M. J. Diehlmann, President, San Antonio Chapter, A.I.A.
Mr. Jerry Rogers, Secretary, San Antonio Chapter A.I.A.

Enclosures

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April 17, 1959

Mr. Jerry Rogers, Secretary
San Antonio Chapter, A.I.A.
P. O. Box 8308
Laurel Heights Station
San Antonio 12, Texas

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Herewith are copies of letter of March 31, 1959, from Robert H. H. Hugman, A.I.A., with whom you have been in correspondence concerning his membership status; and of our letters to him of April 8th and this date - which are self-explanatory.

Should Mr. Hugman take care of his indebtedness for chapter dues will you please let us know?

If he does not, I'm sure you are aware of the Chapter's privilege of recommending that his membership be suspended or terminated for such default.

If we should hear from him that he wishes to have his membership terminated we shall let you know.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

Enclosures

Copies to: Edward L. Wilson, Secretary, A.I.A.
R. Max Brooks, Director, Texas District, A.I.A.
Leo M. J. Diehlmann, President, San Antonio Chapter, A.I.A.

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Hugman, Robert*

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April 20, 1959

Mr. R. Max Brooks, Director
Texas District, A.I.A.
203 Perry Brooks Building
Austin, Texas

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Dear Max:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 16th regarding the matter of Robert Hugman and the San Antonio Chapter. If you find out anything of interest at the TSA meeting, I shall be glad to hear from you further.

In the meantime we will do nothing.

Sincerely yours,

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

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April 27, 1959

Mr. Robert H. H. Hugman, A.I.A
107 1/2 West Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Hugman:

Just a note to say that I hope very much that you will reconsider your recent decision to sever relations with the San Antonio Chapter, A.I.A., and the Institute. I know of your background as an architect and of your great contribution to the City of San Antonio through the San Antonio River Rehabilitation Project. I am sure we all become annoyed at the actions of some of our fellow A.I.A. members at various times, but I think we can be justifiably proud of the Institute and the work that it is endeavoring to do; and the Institute does provide a forum where our grievances may be discussed and debated. I sincerely trust that you will not decide to sever your relationships as the A.I.A. needs and wants the support of all architects.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

R. Max Brooks

RMB:jcd

- bcc: Mr. Edmund R. Purves
- Mr. Leo M. J. Dielmann, Jr.
- Mr. Edward L. Wilson
- Mr. Reginald Roberts

*Members.
Hugman, Robert H. H.*



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP

To: Robert H. H. Hugman
107 1/2 W. Commerce Street
San Antonio 5, Texas

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to your chapter secretary, this notice of the suspension of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in its component organizations to which you are assigned—because of non-payment of Institute dues.

This suspension is effective as of December 31, 1959. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.

The purpose of The Institute in permitting a membership to be suspended at the end of the year for default of dues rather than terminated forthwith is to enable the member in default to restore his membership within the period of suspension, without applying therefor and without paying a readmission fee. The period of grace terminates on December 31 of the year next following the date of suspension: in your case, on December 31 of the current year.

At any time during the period of suspension you may restore your membership to good standing by paying to The Institute your defaulted dues.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet your present obligation to The Institute before December 31, 1960.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that your membership may soon be restored to good standing.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Secretary.

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

-William D. Jones....., Secretary
-San Antonio.....Chapter, A.I.A.
-Arthur Fehr....., Secretary
-Texas Soc. of Archs..... State Organization Member

This copy of notice to the corporate member named herein is official notice of the suspension of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he is assigned. Please note on your records accordingly.

Until you receive notification of the restoration of membership or of its termination, the member named should be carried on your rolls as a *suspended* Institute member. You will be advised if and when his membership is restored to good standing.

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Members
Hugman, Robt. H. H.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1735 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To:
Robert H. H. Hugman
107½ West Commerce St.
San Antonio 5, Texas*

It is with much regret that we send to you, and to those indicated below, this notice of termination of your corporate membership in The Institute, and in its component organizations to which you are assigned—because of non-payment of Institute dues.

This termination is effective as of December 31, 1960. The sending of this notice has been delayed with the earnest wish that you might take some action in the matter.

We sincerely hope that circumstances will make it convenient for you to meet your present obligation to The Institute and to apply for readmission.

The Institute values and needs your active support. The other Officers join with me in the hope that the loss of your membership is only temporary.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
.....
Secretary.

Copy of this notice as "Notice" to the following:

-**Wm. D. Jones**.....Secretary
-**San Antonio**.....Chapter, A.I.A.
-**Arthur Fahr**.....Secretary
-**Texas Soc. of Archts.**.....State Organization Member

This copy of notice to the former member named herein is your official notice of the termination of his membership in The Institute and in the chapter to which he was assigned. Please change your records accordingly.