

Mead, Harry L.
Grand Rapids

Application for Membership

January 19, 1924

To the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House, Washington, D. C.

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects.

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Harry L. Mead

Address 901 Michigan Trust Bldg., Grand Rapids, Michigan
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Grandville, Michigan Dec. 21, 1883

Graduate in architecture _____
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the
first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts. _____
[If required in your case, state which, and attach evidence of Certificate.]

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter _____

If practicing architect, firm name Harry L. Mead, 901 Michigan Trust Bldg.,

Have been in practice Eleven years _____ years

If draughtsman, employed by _____
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Twenty-two years

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics," and I agree, if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I further agree, if elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects, that if at any time my membership shall cease, either by my own resignation or by any action taken by the Institute, I will then, by that fact, relinquish all rights of any character that I may have acquired by reason of such membership in the property, real or personal, of the American Institute of Architects, and of the Chapter of the Institute of which I am then a member.

Harry L. Mead
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Associate of the _____
[For use when the applicant is an Associate.]

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date _____
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Secretary.

Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the foregoing statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally and consider that his work and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) Fred Johnson
- (2) J. J. [unclear]
- (3) [unclear]

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required unless the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter, in which case certification to that effect should be made above by the Secretary. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot either for or against the member proposed, and in which there are no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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February 4, 1924.

My dear Mr. Mead:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, received by reference from Mr. Victor Emile Thebaud.

This will be acted upon sometime in March and you will be advised in due course of the action taken.

In the meantime you should send at your early convenience a remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary fee - which is required of all applicants and which should accompany the application.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry L. Mead,
Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

K:VB

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

THOMAS ERNEST WHITE, A. I. A.
LANSING, MICHIGAN

February 25th, 1924

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Mr. Edwin H. Brown, Secretary,
Board of Directors, A. I. A.
Washington, D. C.



Gentlemen:-

I am again exercising the prerogative offered members when applicants for membership are to be considered.

I am convinced, from former experience, that such a course is of no avail but do not conder that an excuse for failing to furnish personal knowledge of an applicant not fitted for membership.

The name of Harry L. Mead is listed under the Grand Rapids Chapter heading. He has acted toward me contrary to Sections 8, 9 and 10, The Canons of Ethics, within the last few years. I am sorry for the need to place this charge with you before having had an opportunity to personally confront the party referred to with a denunciation. It will give me pleasure any time to do that.

My reference to former experience has to do with a case where I was asked by men of the profession to give information to the Board as to proposed member. The request came from the state naturally interested and the architect who wrote to me knew that I had first hand personal knowledge of the party referred to. Action was not delayed and so far as I can learn no effort was made to investigate the character and practice of the man-who is now a member.

If it be the object of the Institute to combine in fellow-ship the architects of the country, without reservation as to what they are; Why bother with a vte or code of ethice?

I take this opportunity to call to the attention of the Board the fact that Michigan has a Housing Law. Institute name is being used in connection with advertised plans that do not comply with requirements of this law.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Ernest White

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*Attach to
Application*

February 28, 1924.

My dear Mr. White:-

Permit me to acknowledge yours of February 26th with regard to two matters, as follows:

Application of Harry L. Mead. Your objection to this applicant on the ground that he has violated Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Canons of Ethics is carefully noted, and I wish to assure you that there will be a thorough investigation before the application is passed upon.

I believe the Institute has more safeguards against the admission of unworthy members than any other professional society. Every application must run the gauntlet of a Board of Examiners, which meets monthly in Washington. It must be approved by the Chapter and it must stand for a period of thirty days without a single objection from any member of the Institute. The opportunity to make such objection is given by a published notice which goes to every member. Sometimes men are objected to and the reports are such that the Executive Committee feels that the objections are not well founded. In several instances members have protested against applicants because the applicants were rendering service at a less percentage than that recommended by the Institute - say 5 per cent or 4 per cent. This in itself is not sufficient to reject an applicant. I cite these things merely to show that the Institute does endeavor to maintain a high standard of membership; and to express for the Institute Executive Committee its appreciation of your interest in the profession as shown by your letter.

With regard to the use of the Institute's name in connection with "advertised plans that do not comply with requirements of this law", will you not advise more specifically in this matter. Do you have reference to plans issued by the Small House Service Bureau, or is there some other agency which may be giving the impression that its work has the endorsement of the Institute? If you will respond on this point, I can assure you of very prompt action by the Institute.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Thomas E. White,
312 City National Bank Bldg.,
Lansing, Michigan.

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February 28, 1924.

My dear Mr. Thebaud:-

We have pending the application of Mr. Harry L. Mead, who if elected will be assigned to the Grand Rapids Chapter.

An Institute member writes that he does not consider the applicant worthy because he has acted towards the objector contrary to Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Canons of Ethics.

While the objector refers to these particular sections of the Institute Code, it is undoubtedly his intention to show the general ineligibility of the applicant, for of course the applicant himself may not be aware of the requirements of these sections of the Institute Code, as so expressed therein. A marked copy of the Code is attached.

We will, of course, hold up further action on the application; and the report of the Executive Committee of the Grand Rapids Chapter is requested, for the guidance of the Institute Executive Committee in voting upon Mr. Mead.

Such a report will be treated as confidential and should be sent well in advance of the May Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

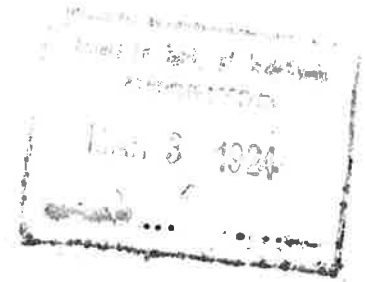
Mr. Victor Thebaud, Secretary,
Grand Rapids Chapter, A. I. A.,
Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Encl.

ROBINSON & CAMPAU
ARCHITECTS
715 MICHIGAN TRUST BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

March 1, 1924.

Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

Our Secretary, Mr. Thebaud, has turned over to me a letter from you in which you state that there is an objection to the admission of Mr. Harry L. Mead to the American Institute, based upon his failure to act in a professional manner in reference to sections 8, 9, and 10 of the code of ethics.

I personally have known Mr. Mead since 1904, at which time we were both employed by W.G. Robinson & Son, of this city. We worked together for nearly ten years before he left the firm and started in business for himself. Since that time, except for a short period during the war when he closed his office and went to work for a general contractor on one of the housing jobs in the South, I have been very close ly in touch with all of the work which has gone through his office. We have worked with the same contractors in all branches of the trades. I am well acquainted with many of Mr. Mead's clients, and I have never heard him spoken of except in terms of the highest praise for his absolute honesty, his devotion to the clients' interests, and his fairness to the contractors.

There are none of us in Grand Rapids who insist upon a higher grade of workmanship than does Mr. Mead, and unless accusations made by the objector to his admission are backed by specific instances of undoubted veracity I would consider such accusations not worth the paper they were written on.

Yours very truly,

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March 4, 1924.

Dear Mr. Campau:-

This will acknowledge with thanks your very complete report concerning Mr. Harry L. Mead, applicant for Institute Membership and assignment to the Grand Rapids Chapter. This will be brought to the attention of the Institute Board of Directors at its meeting in May - when the application of Mr. Mead will be acted upon.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. A. B. Campau,
Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

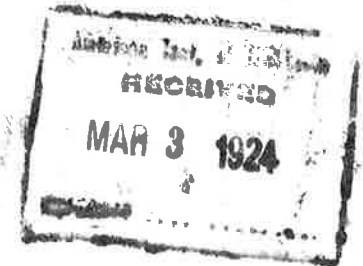
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VICTOR E. THEBAUD
MEMBER AMERICAN INSTITUTE
OF ARCHITECTS

HENRY H. TURNER
REGISTERED ARCHITECT

HENRY H. TURNER, ARCHITECT
MICHIGAN TRUST BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

March
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My dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of February 28th, 1924, relating to Mr. Harry L. Mead's application for membership, received.

I have conferred with Messrs. Robinson and Campau, Mr. Mead's oldest friends here in architectural circles, and they are amazed that such objections should be raised. Mr. Mead is well known here as a man of strong character, of unquestioned integrity and high professional ideals. His associates of the Grand Rapids Chapter gave him their unanimous endorsement.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary,
Grand Rapids Chapter, A. I. A.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
The American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

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March 4, 1924.

My dear Mr. Thebaud:-

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 1st with regard to the application of Mr. Harry L. Mead. The same will be called to the attention of the Institute Board of Directors when the application of Mr. Mead comes up for action at the May meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Victor Emile Thebaud, Secretary,
Grand Rapids Chapter of the A. I. A.,
Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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P. S. We have also received a report from Mr. Campau, which will also come up with Mr. Mead's application in May.

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FREDERICK S. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT
HENRY H. TURNER, VICE-PRESIDENT
VICTOR EMILE THEBAUD, SECRETARY-TREAS.

GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
MICHIGAN TRUST BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

April 3, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Sec'y,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

In the matter of the objections raised in a privileged communication to the admission of Mr. Harry Meade of this city to the Institute, the officers of this Chapter are very much interested. Mr. Meade stands very high in our esteem, and we want the opportunity to clear up the matter, as we are convinced that Mr. Meade is unjustly accused.

Will you be good enough to advise me when the committee considering this matter meets, if possible some one of us will be present.

Sincerely,



Secretary.

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April 7, 1924.

My dear Mr. Thebaud:-

In response to your letter of April 3rd, I beg to advise that Mr. Meade's application will come up sometime at the Board Meeting on May 19-20.

There was but one objection filed against him and my personal opinion is if the Executive Committee of the Grand Rapids Chapter will write a letter to the effect that it has considered the Institute's letter of February 29th, to you, and that it does not believe the objections to the applicant are such as to disqualify him, then the Institute will be able to act with complete information. Should you desire there might be coupled with such a letter a request that should the Board find itself opposed to the election of Mr. Meade the Grand Rapids Chapter may be given an opportunity to appear before any adverse vote is taken.

This would be a safeguard against what I think is a most remote contingency.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. V. E. Thebaud,
Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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June 19, 1924.

Dear Mr. Mead:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 19, 1924.

You have been assigned to the Grand Rapids Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues for the last half of the current year should receive prompt attention.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Secretary at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise we shall be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

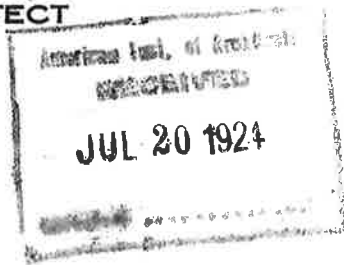
Mr. Harry L. Mead,
901 Michigan Trust Bldg.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT

901 MICHIGAN TRUST BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS,
MICHIGAN

July 17, 1924



Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of June 19 advising of election to membership to the American Institute of Architects and I am enclosing herewith check as attached statement.

Please advise me relative to the use of letters designating membership ^{for use} in connection with stationery and business cards.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry L. Mead".

Architect

M*E
Encl.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
7/17/24

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July 22, 1924.

My dear Mr. Mead:-

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 15th enclosing check covering Institute dues.

With regard to designating your Institute Membership on your letterheads and business cards, the majority of Members use the initials "M. A. I. A.", or "Member, American Institute of Architects."

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harry L. Mead,
901 Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

K:VB

MEMBER OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
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HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT
901 MICHIGAN TRUST BUILDING
GRAND RAPIDS
MICHIGAN

Jan. 7, 1925

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

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of
Membership Certificate in the American
Institute of Architects.

Yours truly,



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May 22, 1936

Dear Mr. Mead:

Your letter of April 27th, with check for your 1936 dues in the amount of \$20.00; and the application of Mr. Walter W. Pearl for Institute membership, with check for \$25.00 for the initiation fee and first year's dues in advance, was received promptly.

Due to the pressure of work incident to the meetings of The Board of Directors which were in session when your letter arrived, and the convention of The Institute immediately thereafter, this is the first opportunity we have had to send acknowledgment.

The application of Mr. Pearl is in good form, and we have noted that he has the unanimous endorsement of the Grand Rapids Chapter, as well as your personal endorsement.

It will be put forward to election at the next meeting of The Board of Examiners, and we shall keep you advised of developments.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Harry L. Mead, President,
Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.,
901 Michigan Trust Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT
1945 MAY 31 AM 9:30 341 Michigan Trust Building
WASHINGTON, D. C. GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

May 25, 1945

Member of
The American Institute
of Architects

Michigan Society
of Architects

Michigan Engineering
Society

Grand Rapids
Engineers Club

Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
1741 New York Avenue N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

We would like to receive the name and address
of the President and Secretary of the Boston, Mass.
Chapter of the A. I. A. This information used to be
published in the Annuary, but our latest Annuary is
1942, which is a little obsolete.

Yours truly,

Harry L. Mead

Architect

HLM*E

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY
Mead

June 1, 1945

Dear Mr. Mead:

Responding to your letter of May 25:

The President of the Boston Chapter is Mr. Jos. D. Leland, 814 Statler Bldg., Boston 16, Mass., and the Secretary is Mr. Eugene F. Kennedy, Jr., 126 Newbury St., Boston 16, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

EKP

Mr. Harry L. Mead, A.I.A.
341 Michigan Trust Building
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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March 19, 1947

Dear Mr. Haughey:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows, this will acknowledge receipt of three letters of March 10th, received on the 18th, advising that the Executive Board of the Grand Rapids Chapter wishes to nominate Messrs. Harry L. Mead, Warren L. Rindge, and Victor Emile Thebaud, all corporate members of The Institute, for advancement to Fellowship.

The Jury requires that nominations be made on forms which have been prepared by it, in order that it may have sufficient information in each case to give careful and intelligent consideration to the nominations filed.

Several of the nomination forms are enclosed, and it is requested that they be filled in with the information requested for each of the nominees in accordance with the complete instructions which will be found in the circular attached to the nomination forms and on the last page of the form.

All nominations filed up to November 1, 1947, will be submitted to the Jury at its next meeting, probably in March of 1948.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to
The Jury of Fellows

Mr. Phillip Cowles Haughey, President
Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.
412 Post Building
Battle Creek, Michigan

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October 28, 1947

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Dear Mr. Haughey:

With further reference to our letter of March 19th to you, concerning nominations of Messrs. Harry L. Mead, Warren L. Rindge, and Victor Emile Thebaud for advancement to fellowship in The Institute:

As we advised in that letter the deadline for filing nominations is November 1, 1947, for such nominations as are to be submitted to The Jury of Fellows at its next meeting, probably in March 1948.

Unless the nominations are received at The Octagon by November 1, Saturday of this week, or unless letters or telegrams are received from the nominators to the effect that nominations are being sent forward, it will be too late to bring the nominations - when they are received - before The Jury of Fellows at its 1948 meeting.

We do not mean to be persistent in this matter, and send this information merely to be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Phillip C. Haughey, President
Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.
412 Post Building
Battle Creek, Michigan

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JURY OF FELLOWS

Received Oct. 1, 1948.
Voted On 19 .
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Voted On 19 .
Granted 19 49

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NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. *Name of Nominee* Harry L. Mead *Date of Nomination* Sept. 27, 19 48
2. *Address of Nominee* 341 Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan
3. *Nominee's firm* Harry L. Mead and Charles M. Morton, Architects
4. *Nominee's principal place of business* as above
5. *Nominee's Chapter* Western Michigan Chapter
6. *Nominee's State Association Member*
7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1924 19 .
8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 19 24 to Dec. 31, 19 48
9. *Nominee's age* 65 yrs. *Birthplace* Grandville, Michigan
10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* Service to The Institute and in Public Service.

CARL C F. KRESSBACH, PRESIDENT
408 WILDWOOD AVENUE
JACKSON, MICHIGAN

CHARLES M. NORTON, VICE-PRESIDENT
545 LAFAYETTE AVE., S. E.
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

PETER VANDERLAAN, SECRETARY-TREASURER
718 CAMPBELL AVENUE
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN



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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

October 15, 1948

Mr. Edward C. Kemper
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows
The American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed is the nomination for Fellowship for Mr. Harry L. Mead which you returned in order to have a signature added. I have secured the signature of one of our Directors, Mr. P. C. Haughey.

Mr. Clarence Rosa, Chairman of our Fellowship Committee, has informed me that no exhibits of Mr. Mead's work are to be filed. The reason is that although Mr. Mead is regarded as a highly competent architect, our chief claims for his advancement to Fellowship are his achievements in service to the Chapter, Institute and in Public Service.

In support of this you will receive letters of recommendation from the following architects:

Branson V. Gamber
Kenneth C. Black
Emil Lorch
Alden B. Dow
Clair W. Ditchy

Trusting this will take care of the matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Peter VanderLaan
Secretary-Treasurer
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

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Encl.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

BY
CHAPTER

THE JURY OF FELLOWS
The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue,
Washington 6, D. C.

Date **September 27 1948**

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on **September 13 1948** *Type in full name.
nominated* **HARRY L. MEAD**,
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* **Harry L. Mead**
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the profession because of his achievement in** **Service to the Institute and in Public Service**
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

*Type in full name.

**Type in "Design," "Science of Construction," "Education," "Service to The Institute," or "Public Service," as is appropriate.

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for† **24**
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

‡Type in name of Chapter.

"Resolved, That‡
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate* **Harry L. Mead**

*Type in full name.

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."

X *Carl C. Kressbach*

Carl C. Kressbach

President

X *Henry Coates Langley*

X *Peter Vander Laan*

Secretary.

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

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No Exhibits to be filed

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name **Harry L. Mead**
- 2. Nominee is a natural naturalized citizen of **United States of America**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **422 Howard Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **Harry L. Mead and Charles M. Norton, Architects**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **341 Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, Mich.**

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

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

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **Michigan State Board of Registration for Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Certificate No. 64.**

7. Strike out in-appropriate words.

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a **practicing architect** ~~teacher in technical school~~

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

- 8. Born **December 2, 1883**. Place of birth **Grandville, Michigan**

- 9. Nominee's schools, colleges and universities:

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Grandville, Michigan		1901	
Private School				
College or University				
College or University				
Post Graduate at				
Scholarships held				

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record.

Entered private practice 1912
Elected to Institute Membership 1924
Chapter President, 6 years
Delegate to A.I.A. Conventions, Washington 1930
Milwaukee 1935

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Type in important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record.

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 ⁸ Drawings, or Sketches Submitted
	Plant J. G. R. Store Equipment Co.	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	National Brass Co. Plant	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	Knights of Columbus Club	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	St. Andrews School	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	St. James School	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	St. Adalberts School	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	Century Furniture Co.	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	St. Marys Hospital	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	Redeemer Lutheran Church	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	St. James Lutheran Church	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	Mich. Soldiers Home Reconstruction	Grand Rapids, Mich.		
	Gov. F. W. Green Residence	Ionia, Mich.		
	Cell Blocks, Mich. Reformatory	Ionia, Mich.		
	Elks Club	Ionia, Mich.		
	Emerson School	Ionia, Mich.		
	St. Anne's Rectory	Cadillac, Mich.		
	Mich. State Hosp. Nurses Home	Kalamazoo, Mich.		

Under column headed "Type" type in (a), (b), (c), or (d), as the case may be.

Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

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
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Type in last column to right the number submitted in each case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

Subject Title	Where Published	Date Published
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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.

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.

- (a) During the six most critical years of the early thirties, when the activity and finances of the West Michigan Chapter (then known as the Grand Rapids Chapter) were at their lowest ebb, Mr. Mead accepted the Presidency and gave unstintingly of his time, thought, and resources in the arduous task of keeping alive and carrying forward the work of the Chapter until an accelerated economy brought a corresponding strengthening of membership when the baton could be passed to others.

Again during World War II, when the younger men had left the local scene, Mr. Mead accepted and discharged the duties of Chapter Secretary-Treasurer.

- (b) Mr. Mead has been a member of APELSCOR (Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Survey or Committee on Registration) since its inception in 1938 and through this agency has given invaluable service as the representative of his profession in counseling and advising with the State Board of Registration in matters of mutual interest to the three professional groups. His sustained contribution was made entirely without remuneration for his time, his valued counsel and his expenditures.
- (c) Mr. Mead is a charter member and on numerous occasions an officer of the Michigan Society of Architects and has been a continually active participant in its affairs and an ever faithful attendant at the deliberations of the Society wherever convened.

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.)

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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.)

<i>Book, Treatise or Article</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Name of Book or Periodical Containing Work</i>	<i>Year Work Published</i>
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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.

Mr. Mead has notably advanced the interests of his profession as a member of the Grand Rapids Safety Council and he has contributed to the general welfare of his community as a trustee of St. Johns Childrens Home for the past quarter century. His city will reap lasting benefits by the influence of his continual inspiration of the younger men of his profession to increased efforts toward honorable discharge of their professional duty to the public by his wise untiring counsel, his devotion to high standards of ethical conduct, his insistence upon technical accuracy and his unwavering stand for honest workmanship and a job well done.

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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

September 30, 1948

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I hereby do certify that Harry L. Mead, A.I.A. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been a member in good standing in the Western Michigan Chapter, formerly called the Grand Rapids Chapter, for 24 years prior to this date - September 30, 1948.

Very truly yours,

Peter VanderLaan
Secretary-Treasurer
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

PVL:lve

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THE AMERICAN
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUBJECT

October 11, 1948

Jury of Fellows
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N. W.
Washington -6- D. C.

Gentlemen:-

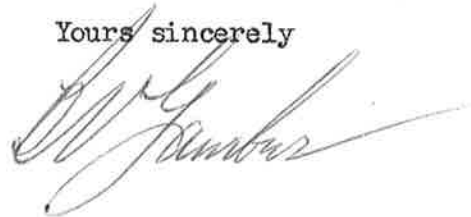
My attention has been directed to the fact that Mr. Harry L. Mead of Grand Rapids has been nominated by his Chapter for advancement to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Mead for many years, and I can testify to his many fine qualities as a person, and to his loyalty and unswerving devotion to the ideals and the interests of his profession.

He has participated actively in the work of the Grand Rapids Chapter, and the Michigan Society of Architects, and he has held high office in both organizations. He has worked devotedly for several city and state organizations because of his civic-minded inclinations, and he has always endeavored to advance the interests of the profession.

In his practice he has maintained the highest standards of ethics and of work, and he has always encouraged and guided the younger men in the profession in their efforts to do the same.

Yours sincerely



BVG/ml

CLAIR W. DITCHY
ARCHITECT
5 WEST LARNED
DETROIT

THE AMERICAN
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
OCT 13 AM 9:12
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 11, 1948

The Jury of Fellows
The Octagon
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It has been brought to my attention that Harry L. Mead of Grand Rapids is being nominated for Fellowship in The Institute.

I have known Mr. Mead for more than twenty years through his extensive activities in behalf of architects and their profession. His services in this respect have been manifold and continuous. The conduct of his own office has been exemplary and has given strength and meaning to his advice and his opinions.

To my knowledge, Mr. Mead has never refused an assignment to be of service to The Institute, the Michigan Society of Architects or to his community. On many occasions the duties imposed have been performed at great personal sacrifice, but always with gratifying success.

I know that others will recite in detail specific instances from Mr. Mead's splendid record. To that may I add my commendation for his invaluable contributions to the improvement of the standards of architectural practice in Michigan and for the inspiring example of his professional life.

Yours very truly,



CLAIR W. DITCHY, ARCHITECT

CWD/rh

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

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Mead

February 23, 1949

Dear Mr. Mead:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship, 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 1949 Convention of The Institute to be held in Houston, Texas, on March 15-18, 1949, in the Rice Hotel.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Thursday, March 17, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates, with citations. Presentations 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.

Your Chapter has been notified and has been requested to make no public announcement until after the Convention in March.

Please send your response to The Octagon at an early convenient date.

Yours sincerely,

Executive Director

Mr. Harry L. Mead, F.A.I.A.
341 Michigan Trust Building
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT

341 Michigan Trust Building
GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

February 28, 1949

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Member of
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of Architects

Michigan Society
of Architects

Michigan Engineering
Society

Grand Rapids
Engineers Club

REC'D MAR 2 1949

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

Dear Mr. Purves:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 23rd Inst., requesting the writer's presence at the Convention in Houston on Mar. 15-18 to receive a certificate of Fellowship in the Institute. You may be assured that the honor will be received with deep appreciation.

Barring unforeseen eventualities the writer will be present at Houston on the evening of Thursday, March 17.

Yours sincerely,

Harry L. Mead

HLM:E

P.S. The writer will be a delegate representing Western Michigan Chapter of the Institute. H.L.M.

HARRY L. MEAD and CHARLES M. NORTON
ARCHITECTS

341 Michigan Trust Building
GRAND RAPIDS 2, MICHIGAN

March 26, 1965

CHARLES M. NORTON

MEMBER OF
The American Institute of Architects
Michigan Society of Architects

HARRY L. MEAD

FELLOW OF
The American Institute of Architects
MEMBER OF
Michigan Society of Architects
Michigan Engineering Society
Grand Rapids Engineers Club
National Fire Protection Association

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

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of check for \$50.00 returning annual dues paid by this office for the account of Mr. Charles M. Norton, a member emeritus of Grand Valley Chapter. Bills for annual dues for both Mr. Norton and the writer of this letter were received and were paid by the office as a matter of course as had been done in former years.

We would like to ask a question. The writer is also listed as a member emeritus of Grand Valley Chapter in its published rooster and we would like to ask as to the distinction and why one should pay dues and the other not and both receive bills.

Please comment.

Yours truly,

Harry L. Mead

Harry L. Mead *Raia*
422 Howard, S.E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

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March 31, 1965

*ME - ok
Membr. Form.*

Mr. Harry L. Mead, FAIA
422 Howard, SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Mead:

We have received your letter dated March 26th concerning your Institute dues.

It certainly appears that you are eligible for Membership Emeritus and if you would kindly fill in the enclosed form and return it to this office we will be glad to see that the proper action is taken.

We do not find any previous request from you or from the Chapter concerning your eligibility for this type of Membership which is the reason your name is still being carried on our rolls as a regular paying member. Such status is available only upon application. On the other hand, Mr. C. M. Norton applied on February 17, 1964 and shortly thereafter his election was authorized.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Manager
Membership Procedures

cc: Secretary, Grand Valley Chapter, AIA

PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF
MR. MEAD'S STANDING.) *ok*

THANK YOU..



Grand Valley Chapter A.I.A.

April 6, 1965

American Institute of Architects
The Octagon
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Attn: Maureen Marx, Manager
Membership Procedures

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter to Harry L. Mead, FAIA, please be advised that he is being carried as an emeritus member on our rolls.

We assumed this action was taken quite some time ago, as it has been listed this way for at least the past two years.

By copy of this letter we are advising our treasurer of his status, and also Mr. Mead.

Yours very truly,

H. Rodger Stroop, Sec'y.

GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER A.I.A.

HRS:jfh

CC: Mr. Harry Mead

Mr. Brice McMillen, Treas.

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

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:

Strike out the inappropriate reason, a, b, or c, as the case may be.

- a. I am more than 70 years of age. 81 years of age.
- b. ~~I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- c. ~~I am unable to engage in the practice of architecture.~~

Have one small church remodeling project which will take nearly a year.

Write in name of chapter.

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

Respectfully,

Date

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Hans L. Mead
Signature

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 of a, b, or c.

Joined Grand Rapids chapter on May 12, 1924, and have been in continuous paid up good standing up to present date. In fact was the only chapter member in good standing during the depression years and with assistance of a capable secretary had to act as president, secretary, treasurer and membership as well as visits to Octagon office. It was rumored that chapter meetings were held in a telephone booth.

Also represented the chapter in Detroit as a director on APELSCOR for 12 or 15 years, my recompense being the association with a group of fine and cultured Architects and Professional engineers, a great pleasure.

Right now this member is a partial "Shut@In" due to an accident.

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April 30, 1965

Mr. Harry L. Mead, FAIA
422 Howard, SE
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Mead:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have authorized your election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute, retroactive to January 1, 1965.

The Treasurer's Office of The Institute and your component organizations are being directed to adjust the records accordingly.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, I wish to take this opportunity to express my great appreciation for your support, throughout your many years of membership, fo the work and projects undertaken by The Institute and its components for the cause of better architecture.

We hope that your interest in The Institute and Chapter will continue, even though you have now been relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oswald H. Thorson, FAIA



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION — MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. Harry L. Mead, F.A.I.A.**
422 Howard, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you the title

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such organizations, effective **retroactive to January 1, 1965.**

Date **May 7,** 19 **65**

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Secretary

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Jan. 5, 1967

Mr. Michael J. Koteles, Secty.
Grand Valley Chapter, AIA
1203 Beech Tree Street
Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

Re: Death of Mr. Harry L. Mead, FAIA,
on December 18, 1965.

Dear Mr. Koteles:

We were very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For the Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to the Institute and the third copy should be maintained in the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Scheick, F.A.I.A.
Executive Director