

Allen, Roger  
Grand Rapids

May 11, 1927

### Application for Membership

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1927

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 Roger Allen

Address 423 Houseman Bldg. Grand Rapids Mich.  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Grand Rapids June 23, 1892

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 Frank P. Allen & Son

Have been in practice seven years

If draughtsman, employed by F. P. Allen and Son 7 yrs. Smith Hinchman and Grylls 2 yrs.  
[State number of years.]

Collegiate and office training Frank P. Allen and Son 1910-1917, Smith Hinchman & Grylls 1919-1920, Frank P. Allen and Son 1920

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.

Roger Allen  
[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.]

Chas. J. [Signature] Secretary.  
Grand Rapids 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) Walter L. Rindge
- (2) Harry L. [Signature]
- (3) Arthur H. [Signature]

[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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December 20, 1927

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed find applications for membership Grand Rapids  
Chapter, A.I.A.

Kenneth Rindge, Rindge & Rindge  
Frederick Knecht, Colten & Knecht  
Roger Allen of Frank Allen & Son

All three applications have the unanimous endorsement of  
this Chapter.

Yours truly,

(S) Charles Nerton, Jr.  
Secretary, Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.

CN:HH

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January 10, 1928.

Dear Mr. Allan:-

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. Norton, Secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter.

The application is complete in every respect and will be acted upon at the March meeting of the Institute Executive Committee, after which time we shall be pleased to advise you concerning the action taken.

By way of explanation it should be stated that all applications for Institute membership are acted upon at the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee - hence the delay in getting action until March.

Acknowledgment is also made of your check of \$5.00 covering the Initiation Fee.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Roger Allan,  
463 Houseman Building,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

K:VB

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March 31, 1928.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective December 31, 1927.

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 advised.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the year 1928 should receipt 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.

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Roger Allen,  
463 Houseman Building,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

K-G  
Encl.

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October 20, 1931.

Dear Mr. Allen:

As you know, the Institute is most hopeful that you will maintain your professional society affiliations, both with the national organization and with the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Your indebtedness for Institute dues at the present time is \$75.00, including the current year.

At the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, on November 19th, some action must be taken with respect to those delinquents who are indebted for a long period.

This letter is an informal one, to remind you of the situation, and to express the very earnest hope that you can send a check for at least \$25 by November 15th, thus permitting the Board to hold your membership in both the Institute and the Chapter for at least another year.

Please do the best you can to make the suggested payment on account.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.,  
Grand Rapids Chapter,  
463 Houseman Building,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

President Grand Rapids Chapter  
cc- Secretary " " "  
Regional Director  
Great Lakes Division

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October 13, 1934

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Institute holds your note for \$50.00, due January 12, 1932, to cover dues for the years 1929 and 1930.

The last Convention substantially reduced all outstanding accounts, as stated on the enclosure herewith. The Board of Directors, by Convention authority, reduced the 1934 dues from \$25.00 to \$15.00.

Under these acts your indebtedness is as follows:

1931-1933. . . . .	\$25.00
1934 . . . . .	15.00
	<u>\$40.00</u>

We are authorized by the Treasurer to say that if you will send a check for \$25.00 to cover the reduced amount of the three year period he will recommend to the Board that the indebtedness of \$50.00 for the period preceding 1931 be remitted.

The other officers of the Institute join the Treasurer in the sincere hope that you can take action in this matter, prior to the Board meeting on or about December 1st - thus assuring to the Institute and the Grand Rapids Chapter your continued membership and support.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

K:C

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Roger Allen  
610 Lafayette Ave. S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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April 17, 1935

Dear Mr. Allen:

At the March, 1935, meeting of the Executive Committee, your membership in the Institute and the Grand Rapids Chapter was discontinued for the non-payment of Institute dues, effective December 31, 1934.

The Committee expressed regret at the necessity for taking such action, and it is hoped that when conditions in the architectural profession improve, you will apply for reinstatement to membership.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been advised accordingly.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:C

Mr. Roger Allen,  
610 Lafayette Ave. S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

*Droped for non paid Institute dues 7/1/34.*  
*Amount for*  
*paid due note 50.00*  
*1931-3 paid 25.00*  
*1934 15.00*  

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*90.00*

ROGER ALLEN  
ARCHITECT  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Dec. 21, 1935.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper;-

As perhaps you remember, I was a member of the Institute for a number of years and secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter. I was financially unable to continue paying my dues and was dropped last year from the Institute for that reason.

I have no complaint on that score as of course there was nothing else that could be done, and the Institute had been very courteous in carrying me along for a number of years. However, things are now looking much better for me and I would like to learn what the necessary steps are to regain my membership.

While financially the situation is still somewhat acute, if some part payment plan could be worked out so that I could pay a portion of what I owe at the present time, and the balance at regular intervals, I should like very much to do so.

Will you let me have this information whenever convenient, please?

Yours very sincerely,

*Roger Allen*  
Roger Allen.

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Copy to the Director,  
Great Lakes Division  
Secretary,  
Grand Rapids Chapter



January 14, 1936

Dear Mr. Allen:

Please pardon a delay in responding to yours of December 21st. Our alibi is the XX super pressure which seems to be turned on around here in December and January.

Apparently, your Institute account, at the time your membership lapsed, stood as follows:

Past due note . . . . .	\$50.00
1931-1933, inclusive . . .	25.00
1934 . . . . .	15.00
	<u>\$90.00</u>

We are without power to reinstate, and therefore suggest that you apply for reinstatement between now and May 1st, offering such conditions with respect to the old account as you can meet. Perhaps the Board would be willing to waive the past-due note if you paid a total of \$40.00 covering 1931-1933 and 1934. This, of course, is an informal observation on my part, as we have no authority in the matter.

In any event, you can depend upon close attention by the undersigned to any communication you may send to the Board for we all regretted to lose you from the Institute and the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K/G

Mr. Roger Allen,  
1226 Grand Rapids National Bank Building,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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ARCHITECT  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
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PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Kemper;-

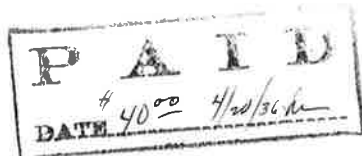
Will you kindly hand this to the Board--and anything that you can do to expedite it will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for this and your numerous courtesies of the past----

Roger Allen.

Dropped for non-payment dues 12-31-34. (elected to Institute 12-31-27)

Owed dues for 1931-1933 period. . .	\$25.00
1934	15.00
Past due note	50.00
	<u>\$90.00</u>



ROGER ALLEN  
ARCHITECT  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



April 18, 1936.

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

Dear Sir;-

I desire to apply for reinstatement in the Grand Rapids Chapter of the Institute. Some time ago I was suspended for non-payment of dues.

As I understand it, my Institute account stood as follows at the time I was cast into outer darkness (and I well deserved it) ---

Past due note	\$50.00
1931-1933 dues	25.00
1934	15.00
	<u>\$90.00</u>

Would it be possible for me to make the following fiscal arrangements;

(1) Pay the \$40 worth of dues by the check which I enclose, and this check is guaranteed absolutely non-bounceable.

(2) Make an arrangement to pay the \$50 note later, in two payments of \$25 each, and both payments to be made before Dec. 1 1936.

Would it be possible, if your Board is willing to approve this gigantic re-financing operation, for me to be permitted to attend the convention at Williamsburg? I have never attended a convention, and I would like to see this one. Besides, Mr. Kenneth Stowell, the editor of the American Architect, has invited me to write an article for him about the convention, and I think it would be easier for me to write an article about the convention if I went to the convention. Careful to an extreme, that's me.

Seriously I would like very much to be restored to membership; I labored in the vineyard for these many years as secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter and I felt rather badly about having to drop out. I will appreciate hearing your Board's decision.

Very sincerely yours,

ROGER ALLEN

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April 23, 1936.

Dear Mr. Allen:

On returning to Washington I find your personal note and letter of April 18th, with reference to reinstatement.

We will endeavor to expedite this matter and will write you more definitely in a day or two.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

ECK/vl

Mr. Roger Allen, Architect,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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*Approved  
April 20*

April 25, 1936

Dear Mr. Allen:

With further reference to your letter of April 18th, we have written to the Secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter as per enclosed copy of letter.

We hope that the Board will take action on April 30th, accepting your proposal and reinstating you as of December 31, 1935, so there will be no break in the continuity of your membership.

It is essential that we have a letter or telegram from the Secretary of the Chapter.

We shall telegraph you on the 30th in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/G  
Enclosure

Mr. Roger Allen,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

May 1, 1936

*File*

ROGER ALLEN  
610 LAFAYETTE AVENUE S.E.  
GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

YOUR PROPOSAL ACCEPTED AND YOU WILL BE REINSTATED UPON  
PAYMENT OF SEVEN DOLLARS ~~PER QUARTER~~ DUES FOR FIRST QUARTER  
NINETEEN THIRTYSIX AND ON RECEIPT OF APPROVAL GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER

E. C. KEMPER

CHARGE TO:

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1741 New York Avenue, N.W.

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.

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

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June 15, 1936

Dear Mr. Allen:

This will formally advise you that your application for re-election to membership in The Institute and the Grand Rapids Chapter was submitted to the Board of Directors at its meeting in May for consideration.

The Board, by resolution, authorized your reinstatement upon the payment by you of \$7.50, submission of a note for \$50.00, and the approval of the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Immediately upon your compliance with the conditions stated above, we shall be glad to effect your reinstatement.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Roger Allen,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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ROGER ALLEN

ARCHITECT

1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

June 29, 1936.

Dear Mr. Kemper;-

After this I am going to be a good boy and not get behind in my dues and get put out of the Institute because the process of getting back in is too complicated. You take a sensitive artist like me and the details of getting the escutcheon dry cleaned ~~is~~ far, far too intricate; I get one of my spells and have to go upstairs and lie down.

In case you do not believe I am a sensitive artist I can prove it. I got a letter from Hubert Ripley that says the article I wrote about the Williamsburg convention is a "success fou". I hope this is all right. He also says "Long live Euterpe". I do not know anyone named Euterpe unless it was that architect from Paterson NJ that I met on the Yorktown ferry.

Let us get back to the subject after all your interruptions. First the local chapter said I have to give them a check for \$25. So I gave them a check for \$25. And a dirty look. Then I saw you at Wmsburg (you remember me--your secretary had a heluva time figuring out what color badge I should get. It turned out to be a red one. Stalin, here we come.) And you told me I should give them a check for \$7.

So after I got home and rested up I went over and wrenched the \$25 check away from them and gave them one for \$7. So now comes a letter saying I should give them a check for \$7.50. Well, fun is fun, so I went back and gave them a check for \$7.50 and took the \$7 check away from them. By this time the local chapter thinks I am Rep. Zioncheck in disguise. Also I am enclosing the note.

There will be something wrong with the note next I shouldn't be surprised. However, let us let this go for the present because I have a whole book full of blank notes and I can write you any kind of note you want, in almost any language.

I guess this covers the situation up to 4:45 p.m. of even date. Please write me a nice soothing letter as my nerves are not what they were although my appetite is unimpaired. I had a lot of fun at that convention; I am going to attend all conventions hereafter. All conventions that I can fool some editor into paying my expenses to, that is. Speaking of editors, Howard Myers of the Architectural Forum has hired me to write a page a month for that forward looking periodical. Beginning in July.

Respectfully,

*Roger Allen*  
ROGER ALLEN.

**PAID**  
DATE *7/28/36*  
*Note for \$50.00 due*  
*Sec. Gen. 59 (3-5-36)*

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HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT

901 Michigan Trust Building  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

June 30, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Enclosed herewith is the application of  
Mr. Roger Allen for reinstatement in Grand Rapids  
Chapter of the Institute in accordance with previous  
correspondence on the subject and more particularly  
to your letter to the writer of June 26.

Enclosed also is a letter from  
Miss Marion Blood, Secretary of this Chapter, cert-  
ifying as to the unanimous endorsement of Mr. Allen's  
application by the members of the chapter together  
with Mr. Allen's check for \$7.50. Mr. Allen advises  
that he has forwarded direct to your office his note  
for \$50.00 referred to in your letter to the writer  
of June 26.

Yours truly,



President, Grand Rapids Chapter  
American Institute of Architects

HLM\*E  
Encl.





Member of  
The American Institute  
of Architects

Michigan Society  
of Architects

Grand Rapids  
Engineers Club

HARRY L. MEAD, ARCHITECT

901 Michigan Trust Building  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

June 30, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The application of Mr. Roger Allen for  
reinstatement in the American Institute of  
Architects has been presented to the Grand Rapids  
Chapter. A letter ballot has been submitted to  
each member of this Chapter in accordance with the  
laws of the Institute and all have been returned  
marked favorable, thus making the election of the  
applicant unanimous.

Proper record of such unanimous endorse-  
ment of Mr. Allen's reinstatement by the Members  
of this Chapter has been made.

Yours truly,

*Marion Frances Blood*

Secretary, Grand Rapids Chapter  
American Institute of Architects

MB\*E



7-1-36

Mr. Kemper:

If Mr. Allen is referring to the letter from The Institute, the check for \$7.50 should have been mailed to The Institute and not the chapter. Copy of our letter is attached.

The payment of \$7.50 to the Institute has not been received.

LM

The \$7.50 enclosed in this letter, completes all the payments required for reinstatement of Mr. Roger Allen.

LM

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 10, 1936

Dear Mr. Allen:

I have read your letter of June 29th, with keen enjoyment. It seems that you have successfully surmounted the various obstacles placed in the way of your final reinstatement to Institute membership, and I am happy to be able to advise you, formally, of your reinstatement to membership in The Institute and the Grand Rapids Chapter, effective July 1, 1936.

Similar advice will be sent to the chapter, today, for their information.

We shall look for your articles in the Architectural Forum with much interest.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids, Mich.



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon, 1741 New York Avenue

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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EDWIN BERGSTROM  
TREASURER

EDWARD C. KEMPER  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 1, 1936.

Dear Mr. Allen:

For your convenience, we send this letter of reminder concerning your note for \$50.00, covering Institute dues in arrears, payable on or before December 28, 1936.

The Institute books will be closed promptly at the end of the year, and we hope it will be convenient for you to take care of this obligation prior to that date.

Sincerely yours,

*E. C. Kemper*  
Assistant Treasurer

K-C

OVER

Mr. Roger Allen,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Building,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Kemper;-

You may rely on me to the death.

That is, if I get \$50.

It is rather big of me to take this obliging attitude, since this is the first mail I have received from the Institute for a long, long time.

Do I get the Octagon? No, I go around saying "Where has the Octagone to?" and getting no answer. I did get a pamphlet about how I should buy \$161.25 cents worth of ledgers and journals etc. to keep books with, whereas it is a well-known fact that any architect with important money like that would instantly invest it in a matzos factory, rather than buy stationery with it.

No sir, I don't get any mail! You ain't still mad at me, I hope?

Sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

# American Institute of Architects

## Inter-Office Communication

Subject

From

To

Date

October 7, 1936.

Memo for L. W. H.

Please send complete file of Octagons to date, beginning with the May number, to:

Mr. Roger Allen  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

E. O. K.



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*Handwritten signature*

October 7, 1936.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your message about not getting The Octagon makes me burn myself up, not because I think your life has been spoiled by failure of delivery but because after all the big conversation on my part - early in the year - you are not receiving the "message to Garcia."

The first step was to look in the plates from which The Octagon is mailed, and we find your plate in its proper place.

Maybe some friend is stealing your copies!

We are sending you a complete file of The Octagon for the months since the Convention and if you do not get it from now on - beginning with the October number - please let me know.

Your comments in the Forum are enlightening and enjoyable. It is refreshing to hear and see spades called spades!

Sincerely yours,

ECK:LF

Mr. Roger Allen  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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ROGER ALLEN  
ARCHITECT  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Dec. 29, 1936.

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



Gentlemen;-

I am enclosing check for \$50.00 in payment of my note  
given this year for dues.

Thank you for your patience.

Yours very truly,

  
ROGER ALLEN

  
12/31/36  
note

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

January 7, 1937

Dear Mr. Allen:

This will acknowledge with thanks your check  
for \$50.00 in payment of note covering Institute dues  
in arrears.

We are enclosing herewith cancelled note.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

KJW

Encl.

Mr. Roger Allen,  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 8, 1940

Dear Mr. Fugard:

Herewith is page from the December number of THE OCTAGON with a marginal note addressed to you by Mr. Roger Allen of the Grand Rapids Chapter. It was accompanied by his check for \$23.00 on account of 1939 dues.

We did not make acknowledgment to him.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mr. John R. Fugard, Treasurer  
The American Institute of Architects  
520 North Michigan Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

ECK:FS  
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(Paid \$23.00 - 1/4/20  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 16, 1940

Mr. Roger Allen  
1228 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am in receipt of a letter from Washington, with a note pencilled on the margin of the December issue of The Octagon, from which I understand that you are still one of us, and goodness knows we need more like you, for I had to write about 600 letters to men who hadn't paid their dues. Your reply was the only humorous one that I received. Most of the ones who did reply told of all their troubles, and I didn't know before this that architects generally could have so many troubles. I thought I was the only one with no business.

Anyhow I am might glad you are still with us. I am counting on you to liven up the Convention in Louisville this next May.

Sincerely yours,

  
Treasurer

JRF:R

cc: Mr. Kemper

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ROGER ALLEN

ARCHITECT

1029 GRAND RAPIDS NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1944 SEP 15 AM 11:34

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. E. C. Kemper,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Ave. N. W.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Through some catastrophe in filing, I have appeared to have lost the letter and the accompanying plans which you sent me regarding the nomination of Harry L. Mead for a fellowship in the Institute.

Will you please send me a duplicate copy of these plans or any information you may have as to the proper way to handle this matter? The situation here is a little odd: -- Mr. Mead is the secretary of the chapter and would probably be a little reluctant to sign as "secretary" his own nomination. Therefore, it occurs to me that it might be better to have the nomination made by the requisite number of chapter members rather than by the executive committee. What do you think about this?

I am enclosing check for \$13.00 which is the balance of dues I owe for 1944 -- plus a mailing card received today. Please note the ZONE 2 which should be used in my address hereafter. In other words my address is:

1029 Grand Rapids Nat'l Bank Bldg.,  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

With the very best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

ROGER ALLEN



RA:r



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

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September 18, 1944

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for yours of September 13th, and check for \$13.00 for the balance of your 1944 Institute dues. A membership card will be mailed to you.

Also, we have the card which you returned, indicating the manner in which you wish your name and address listed in the next publication of the roster. Also, in due course, we hope to bring our mailing stencils up-to-date by the addition of the postal zone numbers, which will take some time due to the great number of corrections which will have to be made.

With regard to the nomination of Mr. Harry L. Mead for Fellowship, it would seem much better to follow your suggestion to have the nomination signed by individual members, and a proposal form for such nomination is enclosed. The signatures of five Fellows or ten corporate members will be required. You will find additional instructions attached to the form.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1029 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

K/g  
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COPY  
Allen

October 2, 1947

Dear Roger:

This is very informal, because we need a little assistance on an informal basis.

(See 3-2)

Herewith is copy of my letter of July 28 to Mr. DeVries, Secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter, and telegram of September 19 to him which are self-explanatory, and concerning the transfer of Mr. Charles H. Hansen from the Detroit Chapter to the Grand Rapids Chapter.

Detroit has approved, but under the By-laws we must have the approval of the Grand Rapids Chapter before transfer can be made.

The new Institute Membership Directory is about to go to the printer, and we are trying very hard to have it as up-to-date as possible. Unless we get Grand Rapids' approval on Mr. Hansen's transfer, his name will appear as a member of the Detroit Chapter.

It may be that Mr. DeVries has been away; or that there is some good reason why the Chapter does not wish to give its approval.

Can you help with a word of advice and oblige

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

R/G  
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Allen

March 18, 1948

Dear Roger:

I am sorry I was not able to give you a direct answer when you called just now. It is with regret that I must say that the answer is "no." (See 651)

A check of past policy indicates that the General Conditions of the Contract are protected by copyright, and the copyright must be observed.

We would be pleased to send you as many copies of the General Conditions as you may wish. Reproducing the document, however, would be an infringement of the copyright.

Please do not think too harshly of us.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Allen

March 30, 1948

Dear Roger:

I have read and re-read your letter of March 22 and cannot determine whether or not you really seek an answer from us.

(Ser 651)

It all seems to revolve around the question of copyright and in view of the fact that our letter of March 18 coincided with your own opinion, it does not seem to me that I can add anything to it.

The weather in Washington has been positively balmy, in which condition I find myself!

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves,  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A.  
PAUL E. FLANAGAN, A.I.A.  
CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

June 12, 1952.

Mr. Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1741 New York Ave.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ned:

A dreadful, dreadful thing with the most far reaching consequences has occurred and it will be the greatest shock to the nation since the recent revelation by Drew Pearson that Edmund Purves was in the habit of wearing mink T-shirts donated by an Asphalt Tile Manufacturer.

You will recall what happened then - how the Octagon was surrounded by howling mobs shrieking - "To the guillotine with the aristocrat Purves".

I sent you a check for \$40.00 for the Institute on Saturday, May 30, but did not send a letter on account of that it was on a Saturday and my secretary, an extremely beautiful woman, had flown to Hollywood for a screen test. You will regret to hear, however, that Lassie won the nod in a decision that left the movie capitol gasping. However, I did not get any card from the Institute stating that I am now a member and in the meantime, I have been elected a delegate. No one knows better than you that a delegate with no place to "deleg" is a sight repulsive to God and Man and if you think that because I do not have a card that instead of going to meetings like a Christian, I will have to sit in the Men's Bar at the Waldorf twelve hours a day, you are perfectly right.

Put Glen Stanton on this at once.

Sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

RA:r

P.S. - Do not let Ditchy fool with this as since returning from Europe no one can understand what he is talking about and besides, at his age, the woman could not have been as young as that.

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June 16, 1952

Dear Roger:

It is entirely too hot for me to attempt to reply to yours of the 12th in a fitting manner.

Here is the card and our apologies.

I am only rushing this because I want to save you from a "fate worse than death" in the Waldorf Bar.

See you in New York,

Sincerely yours,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg.  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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October 26, 1953

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
Washington, D. C

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herein are the necessary documents required for the nomination of Roger Allen for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects. Also enclosed are letters written by various people in support of this nomination.

It gives me great pleasure to submit this material to you. Mr. Allen has been known to me for many years and I have always been impressed by his many outstanding qualities as an Architect and a devoted member of the Institute. All of his unusual abilities, his skill as an organizer, his tact and his rare humor have been freely spent to the good of the profession and to promote and further the objects of the American Institute of Architects.

It is my considered opinion that Roger Allen is deserving of this great honor which the Institute can bestow upon him.

Very truly yours,

Peter VanderLaan, President  
Western Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.

PVL:vh  
Encl.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1741 New York Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

November 6, 1953

Mrs. Miller:

Please indicate below the details with regard to the membership of Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.

Elected 1927 - not continuous.

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11/9/53 JAG

Elected 12-31-27

Term. 12-31-34

JAG

Admitted 7-1-30

Grand Rapids

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

November 6, 1953

Mr. Peter VanderLean, President  
Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.  
620 Campbell Avenue  
Kalamazoo 51, Michigan

Dear Mr. VanderLean:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows this will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 26th and the accompanying nomination by the Executive Committee of the Western Michigan Chapter, to advance Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A., to Fellowship in The Institute.

With the nomination a number of supporting letters also have been received.

However, we must call to your attention that exhibits of photographs of Mr. Allen's architectural work also should be submitted. The Jury of Fellows has asked the chapters to send such exhibits where candidates are proposed for advancement to Fellowship in the fields of "Service to The Institute" and "Public Service" as well as for achievement in "Design."

These exhibits may be forwarded later, and if they are received by March 1, 1954, the nomination will be complete and ready for submission to the Jury at its meeting in March.

Enclosed is a copy of the circular of instructions for furnishing exhibits which might be useful.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows, A.I.A.

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Copy to Mr. A. N. Langius, F.A.I.A.



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
LANSING 13

November 16, 1953

BUILDING DIVISION

Miss Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
The Octagon  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

President Peter VanderLaan of the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects forwarded your letter of November 6 concerning Roger Allen to me for reply. I was designated by the Chapter to assemble the information and supporting documents for Mr. Allen's advancement to Fellowship in the Institute.

This letter is to inform you that I will assemble exhibits of Mr. Allen's architectural work and submit them to the Jury to reinforce his nomination.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. N. Langius", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

A. N. Langius, Director



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ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A.  
PAUL E. FLANAGAN, A.I.A.  
CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

November 17, 1953.

Miss Florence H. Gervais,  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
1735 New York Ave. N.W.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

My dear Miss Gervais:

Mr. Peter VanderLaan has sent me a letter from you in which you state that it will be necessary to submit some photographs of my architectural work which I will be very glad to do inasmuch as the buildings that I have designed are, of course, extremely beautiful. However, why I should be nominated for a Fellowship in the first place is a mystery to me unless you have induced the Jury to start selecting Fellows in strict alphabetical order. If you did this, you misunderstood what I told you which is that clients should select architects in strict alphabetical order. This is going to be very depressing for Richard Napoleon Zuber who practices architecture in Alliance, Ohio.

Is there any particular form in which these photographs should be delivered such as the size of mounts, requirements of floor plans, etc?

All the time I thought I was being nominated on account of my contributions to literature, probably as a belated tribute to my great Uncle Edgar Allan Poe, whom the family calls "Poor Uncle Edgar" because he drank so much. He not only could not spell Allen correctly but he inserted the Allan in the middle of his name instead of at the hind end.

I just want to warn you of one thing -- if (which probably won't happen) I ever do get made a member of The College of Fellows, I want everyone at The Octagon to understand distinctly that while I have no objection to belonging to a College, I want to go on record as saying that the mere fact that I do belong to a College is not going to induce me to take part in any panty raids on Girls' Dormitories, swallow any live gold-fish, hoist any cows into the steeple of Old Main, nor paint "To Hell with Yale" on the walls of the Sterling Library. I am too old for this stuff.

A few weeks ago I made a speech to the Public Utilities Advertisement Executives and last week they sent me a magazine with a review of my speech. They said in the review - "The Michigan Consolidated Gas Company was host at a reception prior to the luncheon, when humorist Roger Allen, columnist of the Grand Rapids Press and professional architect, told conferees "How To Be Happy Though Human". His talk received a sensational response from the delegates, who required the elderly and distinguished gentleman to bow four times before they let him go".

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CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

November 17, 1953.

Miss Florence H. Gervais. . . page 2.

This is nothing but a great big lie. It was five bows.

With all affectionate best wishes to the Octagon, including yourself,  
I am

Most sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roger Allen', is written over a horizontal line.

RA:r

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

November 23, 1953

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Allen:

It makes me very happy to have your letter of November 17th - a letter from the distinguished Roger Allen all for my very own self. I never expected such an honor.

You are right - the nomination was for "Public Service, Institute and Literature." However, The Jury of Fellows has stated that it wants exhibits of executed work for such nominations as well as for nominations for achievement in design.

The Jury's specifications are set out in the attached circular, which I know you will enjoy.

Mr. Langius has just written to say that he will take care of getting the exhibits together, so it may be you will not have to be bothered with this yourself, but let him and your Secretary work out the problem between them while you continue to give your fellow humans the pleasure of your remarks and messages.

All of our best to you,

Sincerely,

Secretary to  
The Jury of Fellows

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ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A.  
PAUL E. FLANAGAN, A.I.A.  
CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

February 17, 1954.

Miss Florence Gervais, Sec'y  
The Jury of Fellows,  
The American Institute of Architects  
Administration Bldg.,  
1735 New York Ave. N. W.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Under separate cover, by express prepaid, we are sending you today a number of mounted photographs on mounts of uniform size, as exhibits to accompany the application for Fellowship made in my behalf by the Western Michigan Chapter.

*The Chapter*  
It turned out that Mr. Langius was ill and when he was not ill, he was in Florida and ~~his~~ secretary was drunk or something and I got pneumonia (as you will see from the enclosed clipping) and my colleagues here in the office, all of whom are brighter than I am, and if that isn't faint praise, I never heard any, got this stuff together.

After the Jury of Fellows has looked over these exhibits and you have revived them with smelling salts, will you please send them back to us by express collect because I think I will make up a brochure.

*(the mounts  
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1954)*

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

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Mr. Purves - <sup>FHG</sup>  
~~John H. H.S.~~

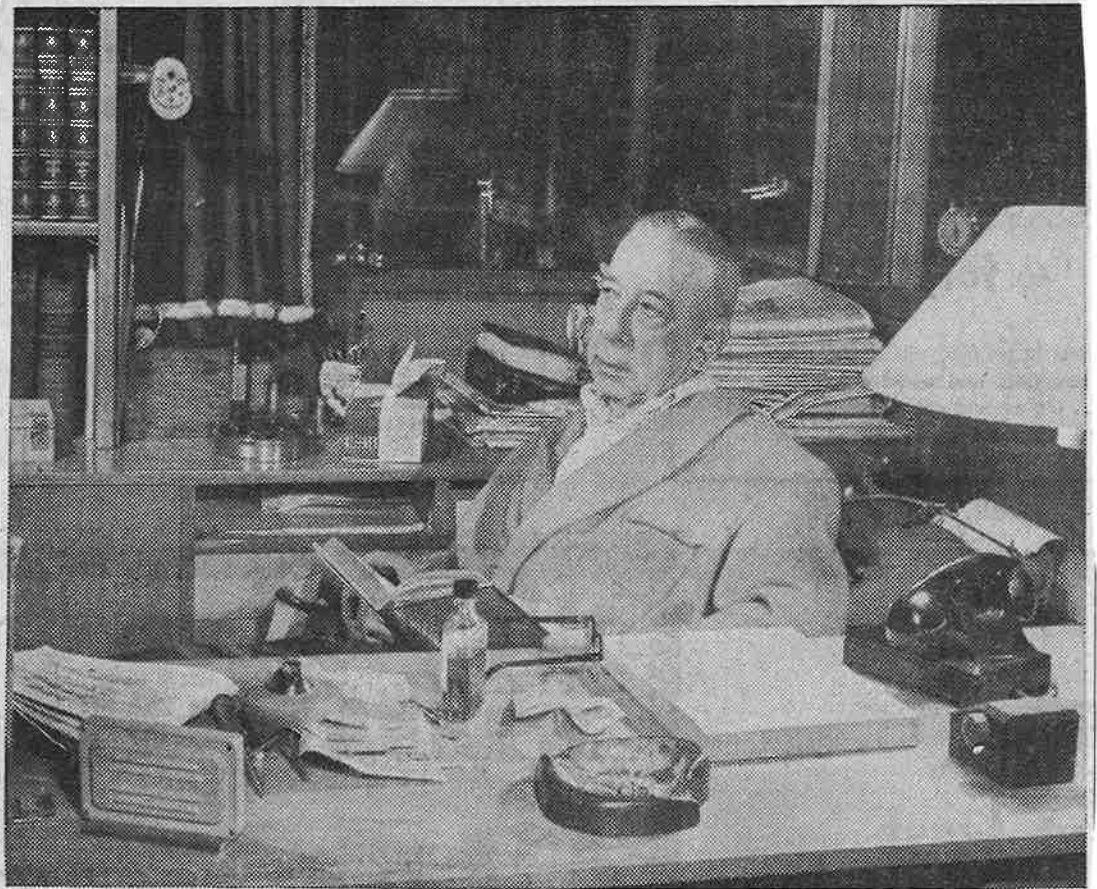
You may get a chuckle from this article on our friend Mr. Allen - although he appears to have been really down and out with the flu. Mr. Allen sent this to me with a letter about exhibits in connection with his nomination for Fellowship.

FHG

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JOURNAL

MAR 9 1954



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

**ROGER ALLEN "AT HOME"**—"I feel like a million—that is, a million units of penicillin," said Roger Allen, architect and conductor of The Press' "Fired at Random" column, as he rested in his den while recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia at his home, 2461 Westboro dr., NE. His greatest regret was that he was unable to attend the Mulick Park school open house Tuesday. He was chief architect of that project.

## Courageous Columnist Ailing Roger Allen Still Gets Out Column

The society page would say that Mr. Allen was wearing a stunning set of white pajamas with blue polka dots, a beige dressing gown and a Scottish blanket with the plaid of the McPherson clan—or is it McDougal?

At any rate, that is the condition in which he was found by a reporter who went out to his home at 2461 Westboro dr., NE, to investigate a report that Roger Allen, architect, man about town and conductor of the "Fired at Random" column in The Press, was suffering an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

### Tells "Success Secret."

Since Allen's column still is appearing in The Press, the editor wondered whether Allen wasn't just manufacturing an excuse to go south, jealous, perhaps, of the sojourn there of Ray Barnes, Press cartoonist. But Allen has an answer to that:

"The secret of my success as a columnist," he says, "lies in never letting The Press find out it could get along without me."

Allen explains that what started out as a sinus infection developed into bronchial pneumonia, much to his distress and without his knowledge of the fact until he collapsed in his office recently.

But with numerous shots of penicillin, at a million units a shot, he was able to sit up in his den at home and laugh at the drooly weather outside.

### Visions Possibilities.

"I have been maintaining that medical science is too conservative and backward looking," he comments. "As long as they are giving me all these injections why haven't they been dipping the needle in colored ink so that, by following a definite pattern, when they got through they would have left a striking testimonial to their handiwork, such as a scene of Washington crossing the Delaware?"

"But no, they lack that sort of imagination. Of course, they generally operate so far north that the scene would not be available for public view. But if they would shift to a southern exposure, think

what would be possible. Personally I would like an etching in the Frank Lloyd Wright manner. Or a sample of a modern school on my bosom, so I could simply unbutton my shirt to show a building committee a sample of my work."

One of his regrets, Allen said seriously, was his inability to attend the open house Tuesday at the new Mulick Park school, for which he was the architect. Two associates represented him there, Carl J. Rudine, who supervised the erection of the school, and Paul E. Flannagan, who was in charge of design.

### Prejudice for Eating.

Allen had praise for the entire Mulick Park layout, including the blending of the school with the park in a spacious park-school-playground arrangement.

Concerning his illness, Allen says he hopes to be out in a week or so. Writing his column is no trick at all, he adds.

"When you stay in bed 20 to 22 hours a day you think of a lot of stuff and you want to hurry to write it down to preserve it for posterity.

"My doctor says a man with my sinuses shouldn't stay here in the winter," Allen observes. "But I have a prejudice for eating; and it's rather difficult to design buildings for Michigan while you are in Arizona."

Tuesday Allen was reading Bruce Catton's book, "Glory Road." It's about the Civil war, he explains, allaying any suspicions that he is studying signposts on the road to the Pearly Gates.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1954.

*Augustine  
March 22*

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 4, 1954

Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Allen:

So sorry to be so late in letting you know that both your letter and the package of photographs arrived safely, although I did have to go on a hunt for the latter!

I began to be perturbed because the package had not turned up - so far as I knew - so I set out upon a safari in these renowned headquarters, to see if someone had seized your exhibits, probably through jealousy. Sure enough - there they were - among boxes coming in for a school building exhibition! And with my name on the package, to boot, I'll never know how it happened.

All's well that ends well, and we are now all set to place your nomination and photographs before the Jury when it meets here the week of the 15th. After the meeting, the photographs will be returned, as you ask.

It was distressing to learn of your illness, which must have been most unpleasant. I did hear, however, that you had been to Florida and that must have been a great help in recovering your usual high spirits.

It was interesting to note that the book you hold in the illustration was Bruce Catton's latest. I have not read it, as my literary interest does not run along those lines, but he was a next-door neighbor of mine for about ten years. One does like to see the home town boys make good.

Do take care of yourself, particularly as the weather seems to continue pretty severe in your part of the country.

Best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to The Jury of Fellows

*Done  
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JRS*



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
LANSING 13

February 15, 1954

BUILDING DIVISION

ADRIAN N. LANGIUS  
DIRECTOR

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

SUBJECT: Roger Allen, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Gentlemen:

The Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects recently directed me to assemble documents to support the nomination and fellowship of Roger Allen, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Those documents have been assembled and transmitted to your distinguished body for consideration.

The purpose of this letter is to supplement those documents and inform you that the Michigan Society of Architects will in March of this year, convey upon Roger Allen the Gold Medal of the Society. It is the highest award the Michigan Society of Architects can give and is being conferred upon him for his loyal and constant support of the profession. He is universally loved, respected and honored by individuals in the Building Industry and citizens of this State who have come to know him by his speeches and writings.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. N. Langius", written over a horizontal line.

Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A.



Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 4, 1954

Mr. Adrian N. Langius, F.A.I.A.  
Director, Building Division  
Department of Administration  
Lansing 13, Michigan

Dear Mr. Langius:

On behalf of The Jury of Fellows I write to thank you for your letter of February 15th.

The photographs in support of the nomination of Mr. Roger Allen, A.I.A., for Fellowship are received, and will be submitted to the Jury at its meeting later this month.

The information about the honor being bestowed on Mr. Allen by the Michigan Society of Architects has been placed with the record for the information of the Jury also.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais  
Secretary to The Jury of Fellows



(Envelope post-  
marked Oct.31.)

Received Nov. 2, 19 53

Voted On Mar.18, 19 54

Voted On 19 .

Voted On 19 .

Granted Mar. 18, 19 54

Service to The Institute  
and Public  
Service.

NO M 490

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

- 1. *Name of Nominee* Roger Allen *Date of Nomination* Oct.30, 19 53
- 2. *Address of Nominee* 1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building, Grand Rapids 2, Mich.
- 3. *Nominee's firm* Roger Allen and Associates
- 4. *Nominee's principal place of business* Michigan
- 5. *Nominee's Chapter* Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.
- 6. *Nominee's State Organization* Michigan Society of Architects, A.I.A.
- 7. *Nominee admitted to Institute* 1927 (not continuous)
- 8. *Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from* 1927 *to* Dec. 31, 19 53
- 9. *Nominee's age* 61 yrs. *Birthplace* Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 10. *Nominators:* Executive Committee, Western Michigan Chapter, A.I.A.

11. *Achievement* in Public Service, Institute and Literature

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Exhibits Rec'd  
NO NF 490

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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 October 30 1953

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, at a duly called meeting on September 21 1953 \*Type in full name.  
nominated\* Roger Allen, of Grand Rapids, Michigan,  
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\* Roger Allen  
a member of this Chapter, has made so notable a contribution to the advancement of the pro-  
fession because of his achievement in\*\* Public Service, Institute and Literature  
that he is worthy of fellowship in The Institute; and

\*Type in full name.

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

"Whereas, said member has been in good standing in this Chapter for † more than 15  
years prior to this date; therefore be it

†Type in number of years.

"Resolved, That †† Western Michigan Chapter,  
The American Institute of Architects, does hereby nominate\* Roger Allen

††Type in name of Chapter.

\*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.

*Peter Vander Laan - president*  
*Hubert W. Van Duzer*  
*James R. Haveman*  
*Russag Snyder*  
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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BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS

- 1. Nominee's full name **Roger Allen**
- 2. Nominee is a natural ~~naturalized~~ citizen of **United States**
- 3. Nominee's legal residence **2461 Westboro Dr. N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan**
- 4. Nominee's firm name **Roger Allen and Associates**
- 5. Nominee's principal place of business, address **1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg. Grand Rapids 2, Michigan**

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

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

Strike out in appropriate words.

Type in date of birth and city and Country.

- 6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by **examination in Michigan, 1921; by reciprocity in New York, 1928**

- 7. Nominee is engaged in practice of architecture as a practicing architect—~~teacher in architecture—teacher in science of construction—public official—retired.~~

- 8. Born **June 23, 1892** . Place of birth **Grand Rapids, Michigan**

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

	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
High School	Grand Rapids Central High	4	1910	

Private School **Following graduation from high school entered the architect's office conducted by his father, the late Frank Payne Allen**

College or University

College or University

Post Graduate at

Scholarships held

- 10. Other data concerning nominee's record. **Draftsman, office Frank P. Allen, Grand Rapids 1910-1917; Ensign USN 1917-1918, served as construction officer in charge of building naval installations at Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Miami Beach, Fla. (range for aerial gunnery) transferred to U.S. Naval Railway Battery No. 1, as construction officer, served France in combat June 1918 to end of war, received Silver Star for Soissons-Marne campaign; draftsman, Smith, Hinchman Grylls, Detroit, 1919-1920; structural engineering department, Ford Motor Company, 1921; registered by examination, 1921; in partnership with father as Frank P. Allen and Son 1921 to death of father in 1933; practiced independently in Grand Rapids 1935 to present date. Present firm of Roger Allen and Associates is wholly owned by him. Architect for Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, from 1941 to present date. Winner Honor Award, residential design, of Western Michigan Society of Architects, 1953, for design of own residence.**

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

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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

<i>Type</i> (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	<i>Identification            of Work</i>	<i>Location            of Work</i>  (City)	(State)	<i>Completed            Construction            Work</i>  (Year)	<i>Photographs,            Drawings,            or Sketches            Submitted</i>
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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

<i>Type of Work Constructed</i>	<i>Identification of Work</i>	<i>Location of Work</i>	<i>Completed Construction Work (Year)</i>	<i>Photographs, Drawings, or Sketches Submitted</i>
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mitted in each  
case.

2. BOOKS, TREATISES, OR ARTICLES WRITTEN

<i>Subject Title</i>	<i>Where Published</i>	<i>Date Published</i>
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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.

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## 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.)

## SPEECHES ON ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED SUBJECTS

(See partial list on attached sheet)

## 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>
Editor, Grand Rapids Chronicle	Architecture	Grand Rapids Chronicle	1930-1932
Conductor daily column	Architecture	Grand Rapids Press	"Fired at Random" 1940 to present date
Editor, "Architectonics"	Architecture	Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.	1926-1929
Editor "Quality Building"	Architecture	Grand Rapids Chapter, A.I.A.	with which "Architectonics" was merged, 1929-1930
Contributor of articles on architecture to:			
	Journal American Institute of Architects		
	American Architect		
	Architectural Forum		
	Modern Hospital		
	Medical Economics		
	Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects		
	Newspaper articles and editorials to Grand Rapids Press		
	Numerous other articles to various publications		

SPEECHES ON ARCHITECTURE AND ALLIED SUBJECTS TO  
ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (Partial List)

A.I.A. Conventions at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Miami Beach, Florida.

New York Association of Architectural Societies (3 times) at New York, Buffalo and Lake Placid.

Pennsylvania Society of Architects (3 times) at Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Bedford Springs.

Iowa Chapter, A.I.A. at Des Moines.

Nebraska Chapter, A.I.A. at Omaha.

Mountain States Division, A.I.A. at Colorado Springs.

Cleveland Chapter at Cleveland, Ohio.

Ohio Society of Architects at Toledo, O., and at Dayton, Ohio.

Great Lakes Division, A.I.A., at Notre Dame, Detroit and Indianapolis.

Ontario Association of Architects at Toronto, Canada.

Minnesota Chapters, A.I.A. at Duluth, Minn.

Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., (twice) at Chicago, Ill.

TO NON-ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Builders & Traders Exchanges: Rochester, N.Y: Cleveland, Ohio: Canton, Ohio: Grand Rapids, Mich  
and Lansing, Michigan.

Construction Industry Banquet, Detroit, Michigan: (4 times)

American Institute of Decorators Annual Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

American Institute of Landscape Architects, Michigan Chapter, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Woodwork Jobbers Service Bureau, Annual Convention, New York.

National Association of Sign Manufacturers, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Michigan State Federation of Womens' Clubs, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Utility Advertising Executives, Great Lakes States Region, Grand Rapids, Mich.

National Conference of School Planning Executives, East Lansing, Michigan.

Michigan Bankers' Association, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

(Plus numerous other organizations, luncheon clubs, etc.)



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.

Secretary Grand Rapids Chapter A.I.A. (new Western Michigan Chapter),  
1926-1929

President Grand Rapids Chapter, 1944

Service on board of Michigan Society of Architects, and as officer:

1928            2nd vice-president

1929            "   "   "

1933            3rd vice-president

1936-1939: Director

1940-1941: 3rd vice-president

1942-1943: Director

1944: President; re-elected 1945

1948-1949: Director

1953-1953: Director

Chairman of the Architectural Commission, the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, 1950 to present date.

Served on various committees for the A.I.A.; served as representative of the Michigan Society of Architects (which consists of the A.I.A. chapters of Detroit, Saginaw Valley and Western Michigan) to the Michigan Engineering Society, the Associated General Contractors, joint committee of the MSA and the AGC; and repeatedly as a committeeman of the MSA in negotiating with the Michigan Legislature to resist attacks on the act for the registration of Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

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.

Former President, Torch Club of Grand Rapids  
Former Chairman, Business Gifts Solicitation, Red Feather campaigns  
(Community Chest and Red Cross)  
Director, Managing Board of Villa Maria, an institution operated by  
the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
Lay Reader and former Senior Warden, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral,  
Grand Rapids  
Architectural Consultant to Episcopal Diocese  
Architectural Consultant to St. Ann's Home for the Aged, an  
institution operated by the Carmelite Order  
Member, Society of Friends of the Grand Public Museum  
Secretary, Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids

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Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.

March 24, 1954

Dear Mr. Allen:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows 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 1954 Convention of The Institute to be held in Boston, Massachusetts, starting June 15, 1954, in the Hotel Statler.

At the formal dinner of the Convention on the evening of Friday, June 18, those who have been elected to Fellowship will receive their certificates. Presentation 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 such announcement has been released by The Institute.

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

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves  
Executive Director

Mr. Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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*F116 members Allen, Roger*

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ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A.  
PAUL E. FLANAGAN, A.I.A.  
CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

March 26, 1954.

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

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My dear Mr. Purves:

Will you please convey to the American Institute of Architects, the Officers of The Institute and The Jury of Fellows, my very deep appreciation of my election to Fellowship?

This is an honor <sup>for</sup> of which I am very grateful and which I do not deserve but I am glad that other people disagree with me on the latter point.

I shall certainly be present at the Boston convention of the American Institute of Architects and will attend the formal dinner on the evening of Friday, June 18, 1954.

Most sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

RA:r

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Member  
Allen, Roger

May 4, 1954

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of April 30 giving me the information that Mrs. Allen and your daughter will be with you at the Convention. I shall see to it that seats are provided for both of them.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur B. Holmes  
Convention Manager

Mr. Roger Allen, F.A.I.A.  
Roger Allen & Associates  
1126 McKay Tower  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

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ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A.  
PAUL E. FLANAGAN, A.I.A.  
CARL J. RUDINE, A.I.A.

May 7, 1954.

Miss Florence Gervais,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
Administration Bldg.,  
1735 New York Ave. N. W.,  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:


I have been intending for a long time to write to congratulate you on being intelligent enough to have lived next door to Bruce Catton and I doubt if he would ever have gotten the Pulitzer Prize for "A Stillness at Appomattox" if he had not had such good neighbors.

I also want to thank you for all your kindness in the matter of my getting a Fellowship, which I do not think I deserve but on the other hand, I do not intend to sue anyone who disagrees with me on this point.

I am going down to Virginia Beach on the 29th of May to deliver a speech to the Virginia Society of Architects. This is a brand new speech called "Allen on Architecture and Everything Else - Also Miscellaneous". So you can see that it will be highly educational and will probably revolutionize life South of the Mason-Dixon line. I thought of calling it "A Non-Silence at the Hotel Cavalier" but I abandoned this idea. Everybody down in Washington better come down to listen to me, only I would like to have it understood that none of them are to keep getting up during my speech and saying "A point of order".

Very sincerely,

ROGER ALLEN

  
Roger Allen

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Mrs. Shackleton:

*Member  
Allen, Roger  
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Is the last paragraph of Mr. Allen's letter of any interest to your Department?

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May 25, 1954

*Have a brief mention in forthcoming MEMO. Thanks.  
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Dear Mr. Allen:

It was nice of you to write me, and I only wish I could be among the guests at the Virginia party at Virginia Beach.

During my more youthful days I spent a great many days down there and had some wonderful times. With the reputation Virginia has for its hospitality I know you will enjoy every minute of it.

Your own talk will add <sup>to</sup> the Virginians enjoyment immensely, I know, and far from any mentions of point of order, I rather imagine there will be huzzahs and such like.

My heartfelt congratulations on your Fellowship! It made all of your friends here happy to learn of it.

Most sincerely yours,

*JHG*

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Mr. Roger Allen, F.A.K.A.  
1126 Grand Rapids National Bank Building  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan



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March 22, 1963.

Mr. William H. Scheick, A.I.A.  
Executive Director  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Scheick:

I am sorry that your very kind letter of February 12, 1963, went so long unanswered but it arrived while I was in Arizona and now that I am back, I am gradually getting caught up with my correspondence.

It is really not my fault that I am President of the Grand Valley Chapter because I kept explaining to the younger members that it would be advisable not to elect a President who is one hundred years old - give or take thirty or thirty-two years. Furthermore, in the dim recesses of the past, I was consecutively Secretary of the Grand Rapids Chapter, Treasurer of the Grand Rapids Chapter, President of the Western Michigan Chapter and President of the Michigan Society of Architects. I felt that I was entitled to devote my spare time to composing my autobiography which is to be entitled "How to Become a Mean Old Man Like Me and Why Should Anyone Want To".

However, none of these arguments were of any avail so I have had to postpone my biographical efforts temporarily.

We are getting along very well but there is one favor you can do for me which is purely personal. Mrs. Allen and I are going to attend the Miami Convention but so far, I have not received the application blank, the entry forms, late scratch sheet, post position, probable starting odds or any information whatsoever concerning hotel accommodations, the program or anything else. This distresses me very much because one morning recently, we mailed checks to the American Institute of Architects in Washington, The Grand Valley Chapter, The Michigan Society of Architects and the Architectural League of New York - all of which left us exhausted financially but exalted spiritually. If you could send me some of this information, it would promote domestic tranquility because Mrs. Allen is going to be very angry if she gets to Miami and has to sleep in the Police Station.

*3/22/63  
to Mr. Scheick  
Watson Allen  
our personal*

Mr. William H. Scheick . . page 2.

I am a little bit suspicious about going to Miami anyway because the 1st time I went to Miami Beach to a convention, I was the toastmaster at a banquet at which a gentleman from the Federal Housing Bureau in Washington delivered a brief speech. I know it was a brief speech because every quarter hour on the quarter hour, he announced that it was going to be a brief speech. After an Hour and thirty minutes by the intervention of Divine Providence, the public address system broke down and he quit.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
ROGER ALLEN, F.A.I.A.

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March 27, 1963

Mr. Roger Allen, FAIA  
1126 McKay Tower  
Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear Mr. Allen:

I enjoyed your newsy and good humored letter of March 22nd and trust that you have already received the requested information about the Miami Convention. This was sent to you while I was attending the March meeting of the Executive Committee.

I look forward to seeing you in Miami and especially hope to see you present at the meeting of Chapter Presidents.

Best regards,

William H. Scheick, AIA  
Executive Director

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November 16, 1970

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dyp. 1934  
rcw. 1936  
David Walker  
ret. 1970  
age 78*

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

Gentlemen:

Roger Allen, FAIA, has retired from the practice of architecture. We have received his billing for the 1971 dues and feel this is the appropriate time to investigate the procedure in achieving "emeritus status" for Mr. Allen.

Will you please let us know what steps should be taken to meet the request.

Yours very truly,

ROGER ALLEN ASSOCIATES, INC.

Paul E. Flanagan

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*Secretary*

December 2, 1970

Mr. Paul E. Flanagan  
Roger Allen & Associates, Inc.  
1126 McKay Tower  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

In response to your letter dated November 16th, our records indicate that Mr. Roger Allen, FAIA, is indeed eligible for election as a Member Emeritus.

This will permit him to remain in the AIA and his Chapter indefinitely with full rights and privileges, while being relieved of further dues payments.

We are referring the matter to the Secretary of The AIA and will let Mr. Allen know when final action is taken.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director  
Membership Procedures

cc: Secretary, Grand Valley Chapter

Unless we hear from you to the contrary within two weeks from -now, we will ask the Secretary to elect Mr. Allen to emeritus status. He is 78 years of age and has been a member since 1927; hence, there is no question of his eligibility.

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## THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA  
Secretary  
1101 South Post Oak  
Houston, Texas 77027

December 18, 1970

Mr. Roger Allen, FAIA  
1126 McKay Tower  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Dear Mr. Allen:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I have elected you a Member Emeritus of the AIA as of **December 18, 1970.**

In addition, I wish to express my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the AIA towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope that your interest in the AIA and your chapter will continue, even though you are now relieved of dues payments to both groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Preston M. Bolton, FAIA

PMB:mjb

MSA Sept 17, 1971

OBITUARIES



Roger Allen, FAIA

Roger Allen, FAIA, was born in June, 1892 and died in 1971. Allen had written a daily column, "Fired at Random" for the Grand Rapids Press since the late 1930's and was a frequent contributor to humor magazines. His firm's work was principally in educational and institutional buildings. He served in World War I as a U.S. Naval Officer.

In 1954 Allen was the president of the Michigan Society of Architects, and had also served as vice president and a director of the MSA. He was also a past president, secre-

tary and director of the Grand Valley Chapter of the AIA, Allen was awarded the MSA Gold Medal and became a fellow of the AIA in 1954.

Both Central Michigan University and Ferris Institute in Michigan awarded honorary degrees to Allen for his part in helping to design most of the buildings at these two universities. In December of 1970, Allen became an Emeritus member of the AIA while a member of the Grand Valley Chapter. Allen died after a long illness. ♦