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October 22, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

Mr. Roger Allen has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the Western Michigan Chapter of the A. I. A. for Fellowship in the Institute.

I have met Mr. Allen on two occasions when he was a speaker at our New York State Association dinners. He has been an ambassador of good will and, in consideration of his services to the profession over some period of time as a writer of architectural articles and as a leader in various community activities to the credit of the profession, it gives me great pleasure to recommend and endorse his candidacy to the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows.

Very truly yours,



C. Storrs Barrows

CSB:ahl

cc: Mr. Roger Allen

October 29, 1953

Jury of Fellows  
American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington 6, D. C.


Gentlemen:

I have been informed that Roger Allen of Grand Rapids has been nominated for Fellowship in the Institute by the Western Michigan Chapter.

I would like to endorse his nomination. I have known Mr. Allen personally for over twenty years and have been intimately associated with him in the work of the Institute and the Michigan Society of Architects. During all that time he has given unselfishly of his time and many talents to the work of the profession.

His activities as a writer and public speaker are too well known to require additional comment. He is eminently deserving of advancement to Fellowship and it is my earnest hope that the Jury will act favorably on his nomination.

Respectfully,

  
Kenneth C. Black, F.A.I.A.

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Jury of Fellows,  
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1735 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
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Dear Sirs:

I have personally known Mr. Roger Allen for the past eleven years, and have served with him on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects. I can vouch for his earnestness, and the great amount of effort he has expended for our profession.

Through his facile pen Mr. Allen has not only brought the work of architects to the attention of the reading public, but has influenced architects themselves to read professional publications.

Mr. Allen's affability and wit promote an atmosphere of friendliness and good will when architects get together with him, and have made him known to the profession throughout the country.

I consider Mr. Allen a fine candidate for a Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects, and heartily recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Director

LRB:b

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The Jury of Fellows  
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1741 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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Re: Roger Allen

Gentlemen:

I am happy to learn that the Western Michigan Chapter has nominated Roger Allen of Grand Rapids for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

I am glad to support his nomination for I believe that on the grounds of service to his profession, he is fully entitled to your consideration.

It is possible that Mr. Allen is equally entitled to consideration on other grounds, but I am not familiar with his constructed work and therefore not qualified to do more than vouch for his service to his profession and particularly to the architects of the Great Lakes District where he has rendered important and unselfish service.

Very truly yours,



Charles F. Cellarius

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October 20, 1953

Jury of Fellows,  
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Gentlemen:

Roger Allen, architect, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been known to me since 1941 at which time the very difficult task of uniting the architects of the United States under the auspices of The American Institute of Architects, was in its incipient stage.

His work on behalf of the profession, resulted in the growth of The Institute membership in the State of Michigan and the adjoining States of Ohio and Indiana.

He has always been very willing to travel near and far to Chapter and State Association meetings, to lend assistance in furthering the principles of The Institute, and has been uniformly successful in instilling a cordial feeling among the members of the profession.

His contribution toward unifying the profession has been outstanding, and he is tireless in his efforts to further the prestige of The Institute in the advancement of the profession.

I recommend him for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,



M. W. Del Gaudio

MWD:a

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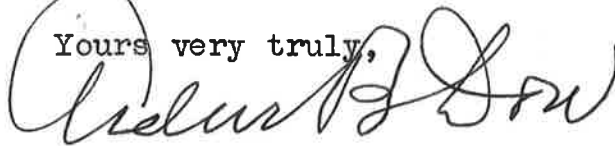
Gentlemen:

I understand that the Western Michigan Chapter has nominated Roger Allen for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

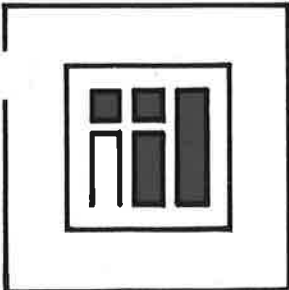
I can think of no one more deserving. Through his writings and talks as a humorist, he has brought out the human side of this profession in the most delightful way. I have heard him speak many times, and have read literally volumes of his publications. In all of this, I have never heard him make a statement that would hurt anyone, and that is the mark of a real humorist and he deserves the highest praise his associates can bestow upon him.

I sincerely hope that he can be made a Fellow of the Institute for the great service that he has given it.

Yours very truly,



Alden B. Dow  
October 15, 1953



October 17, 1953

The Jury of Fellows:

I understand that Roger Allen is under Consideration for advancement to Fellowship and write this letter in his support.

His friends in Michigan will have informed you of his fine record locally so I will not dwell on that.

He first came to my attention when I noticed the spirited and witty battle which he put up against the degeneration of the Architectural press from such magazines as Architecture and Pencil Points to what we have today.

I tried to help him by writing a few articles professing to take issue with him; just for the fun of leading his replies. One, I recall we went into partnership about Something or Other!

I <sup>also</sup> recall an occasion a few years ago when I was standing in the garden of the Poncey Plaza Hotel at Miami with someone nearby when a third party came up and said "let me introduce you two. Mr Allen - Mr Fairweather" said Roger Allen "And both were delighted".

Certainly, I was; and will be, if he is advanced to Fellowship.

Yours very truly  
Clement W. Fairweather

# NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS

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October 10, 1953

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

Dear Sirs:

During the past six years, it has been my privilege to attend meetings and conventions where Mr. Roger Allen of 2461 Westboro Drive, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been either the toastmaster or principal speaker. His contribution as a toastmaster or speaker has always placed the profession of Architecture in its most favorable light and this constitutes good public relations.

Since meeting Mr. Allen, I have called upon him several times to help strengthen a program by speaking and he has never failed accommodating himself to the situation.

We, of the New York State Association, owe a great deal to the successful Convention meeting held in 1952 to Mr. Allen's attendance and inspiration. His discussions with the members and the address given at the Annual Dinner will long be remembered by the delegates.

I should like to be among those recommending Roger Allen to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects for his public service and his inspiration to a great number in the Institute membership, as well as his ability as an architect to design institutional buildings of great merit which have also inspired Institute members to a higher grade of service through their work.

Sincerely yours,



Donald Q. Faragher

DQF:jsc



*Robert Benjamin Frantz*

OCTOBER 15, 1953

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

GENTLEMEN:

NO DOUBT YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BIOGRAPHY OF ROGER ALLEN. HE IS A GOOD MAN IN THE MOST LITERAL SENSE. HIS WORK FOR HIS CHAPTER, HIS HOME CITY, THE STATE SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS, HIS ORAL AND WRITTEN MANIFESTOS IN THEIR BEHALF, HIS FINE PERSONALITY, MAKE HIM A CANDIDATE MOST WORTHY OF ADVANCEMENT IN THE INSTITUTE.

PERSONALLY, HE AND I HAVE BEEN FIRM FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS. NO ONE KNOWS HIM BETTER. THEREFORE I MUST, NATURALLY, GIVE MY COMPLETE SANCTION AND APPROBATION TO THE PROPOSAL THAT ROGER BE MADE A FELLOW. NO PRACTISING ARCHITECT IS MORE DESERVING OF THIS DISTINCTION.

SINCERELY,



ROBERT BENJAMIN FRANTZ, F.A.I.A.

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# PAUL GERHARDT, JR. ARCHITECT

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October 13, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

This communication is to substantiate the nomination of Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects. I have known Mr. Allen for the past approximate twelve years, during which time I have considered him of high repute and one who constantly contributes of his time and abilities in behalf of the architectural profession in general and The Institute specifically. His manifold writings in the public press, as well as his selfless service on various public and civic activities, all indicate him to be worthy of being a Fellow.

Very truly yours,



F.A.I.A.

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October 12, 1953

The Jury of Fellows  
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Gentlemen:

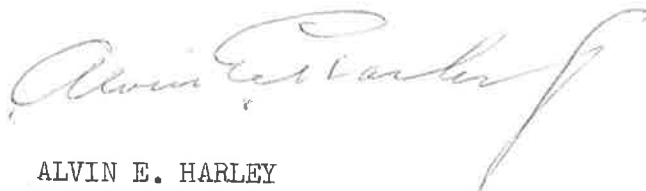
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have been informed that the Western Michigan Chapter has nominated Mr. Roger Allen for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Allen for a great many years for his fine architectural work. In addition to his contribution for good architecture he is noted for many other outstanding achievements in the architectural field. You gentlemen undoubtedly are well acquainted with his publications on architecture, as well as his public speaking before the American Institute of Architects and the many State and Chapter organizations throughout the Country.

Mr. Allen has gained a national reputation in his daily column for the largest paper in Michigan's second largest city, the Grand Rapids Press. He has also contributed articles on architecture to the "Journal American Institute of Architects", "American Architect", "Architectural Forum", "Modern Hospital", and many other publications.

It would be my sincere personal wish that he be elevated to Fellowship because of his achievements in service to the Institute and in literature, and I sincerely endorse him for that honor.

Sincerely yours,



ALVIN E. HARLEY

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Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure for me to support the nomination of Roger Allen for elevation to Fellowship in the Institute.

Mr. Allen has achieved a national reputation as a public speaker, toastmaster, and raconteur on architecture and allied subjects. He is the author of countless articles dealing with the building industry and his influence in matters concerning the profession is prodigious.

In addition to these activities, he has carried on a successful practice of architecture and has been a devoted member of architectural societies, serving on the Board and as President of both the local and State organizations.

Because of his achievements in public service and in service to the Institute, I am pleased to support his nomination for advancement to Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

Phillip Haughey, Director  
Michigan Society of Architects

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VERNON F. TINSLEY, A.I.A.  
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October 26, 1953

CHARLES B. SILLETTO, A.I.A.  
R. WAYNE LYON, ENGINEER

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

Gentlemen:

Understanding that Roger Allen, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a member of the Western Michigan Chapter of the A.I.A. has been proposed for Fellowship in the Institute, I wish to add my endorsement to this proposal.

I have known Mr. Allen personally for a number of years, and am well acquainted with his work and the fine service he has rendered to the Institute through his many activities. His authorship and many speaking engagements have contributed enormously to the prestige of the profession in the matter of public relations. Through Mr. Allen's architectural work, his contribution in the field of public relations, and his standing in his own community, he is in my opinion deserving of a Fellowship.

I earnestly hope that the Jury of Fellows grant Mr. Allen this recognition.

Respectfully yours,



Burdette Higgins, A.I.A.,

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS • DETROIT CHAPTER  
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October 12, 1953

To the  
Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In support of the nomination of Mr. Roger Allen for Fellowship in The Institute, I should like to say that I have known Mr. Allen intimately since 1926, when I first became executive secretary of the Michigan Society of Architects. Since that time I have served with every administration and can state that only in a very few exceptions has Mr. Allen not been on the Society Board. I think that the progress we have made in architectural organization in Michigan is due in no small part to Mr. Allen's valuable contributions, as director, vice-president and president.

It is significant that even after Mr. Allen had occupied the highest office in the Society his interest did not diminish. He has also done more than any architect I know to further better public relations by his writing, speaking and otherwise.

With all his extra activities, he is first a distinguished architect and his work is most creditable. I am well acquainted with his family and know them to be of the highest character. He and his family are most highly regarded in his community and throughout Michigan and the nation.

It is my belief that Mr. Allen would be a distinct credit to the College of Fellows.

Sincerely

  
Talmage C. Hughes, FAIA

LEIGH HUNT, ARCHITECT  
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THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
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Gentlemen:

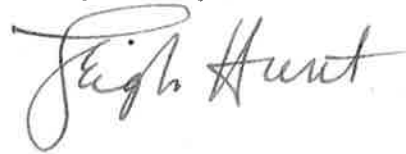
I have been informed that the name of Roger Allen of the Western Michigan Chapter has been submitted for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Allen for over twenty years and during that time I have met him in his home state as well as in Wisconsin at various times when he was President of his Chapter and President of the Michigan Society of Architects.

He has done yeomans work for his community and his state and the Institute, and his architectural practice is excellent.

I consider it an honor to support the nomination of Roger Allen for advancement to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,



LH:bl



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

RAYMOND S. KASTENDIECK, DIRECTOR, GREAT LAKES DISTRICT  
128 GLEN PARK AVENUE, GARY, INDIANA

October 14, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

It is with a great deal of satisfaction to note that the Western Michigan Chapter is nominating Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for Fellowship in The American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Allen has been an active public speaker and is in demand throughout the length and breadth of the country for appearances before leading service clubs, professional groups and others. He has been much in demand not only as a speaker before leading organizations but has been in demand as toastmaster for many public and professional gatherings.

The undersigned has known Roger Allen for a great number of years as one who has contributed much to the profession of architecture locally, to the Western Michigan Chapter and to the state organization in Michigan. He has been most active in local civic affairs particularly those of the cultural nature, has served as a member of the Society of Friends of the Grand Rapids Public Museum; has been secretary to the Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids; contributed many articles on architecture to the Journal of American Institute of Architects, Architectural Forum, Bulletin of the Michigan Society of Architects and many other professional organizations. He was former editor of the



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Grand Rapids Chronicle, "Architectonis" and "Quality Building" and has for years conducted the daily column in the Grand Rapids Press entitled "Fired at Random". His work is widely read and has always been read with a keen interest by those who know of his writings. He has accomplished many fine works in architecture and is well known as one of Michigan's leading architects.

It has been the undersigned's privilege to have known Mr. Allen over many years and it is with a great deal of pride that we are privileged to present this letter of recommendation to the Jury of Fellows knowing that Mr. Allen is one who will always reflect credit on the profession of architecture, The American Institute of Architects and is one in whom the Jury of Fellows will be glad to recognize as one of their group.

Very truly yours,

  
Raymond S. Kastendieck

RSK/h

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Gentlemen:

As a Director of the Michigan Society of Architects, I strongly support the nomination of Roger Allen of Grand Rapids for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

His continued record of service and devotion to our profession, as a board member or officer in his chapter and the M.S.A. since 1928, is unparalleled in Michigan.

Roger Allen has gained the admiration and respect of his confreres in the profession for his outstanding ability as an architect, lecturer, writer, and humorous philosopher.

In addition, he has participated actively in the civic affairs of his native city of Grand Rapids.

Roger Allen has long deserved the honor of Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sol King, A.I.A.

SK:jc

# MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS



708 Harrison Street  
Flint 3, Michigan  
October 26, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I support the nomination of Roger Allen, of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Mr. Allen has done as much as any one member of our profession to bring the name "Architect" to the people of the Middle West. In word and deed he has worked for the profession as few men have.

With the sincere hope that the nomination and election of Mr. Allen be given favorable consideration, I am

Very truly yours,

Ralph W. Knuth, A. I. A.  
Member of Board of Directors  
Michigan Society of Architects

RWK/gkd

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October 29, 1953

BUILDING DIVISION

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

Gentlemen:

For many years I have had the privilege of having Roger Allen of Grand Rapids as a personal friend. I know him as an individual whose honesty, sincerity and integrity are above reproach. He has always been a loyal and devoted member of the architectural profession and has given it years of selfless service. It is doubtful whether the Michigan Society of Architects or the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has a more renowned member. He has been, is, and probably always will be, one of our best known and most popular members.

His accomplishments as a public speaker on architecture and allied subjects in Michigan and in the nation, his outstanding work as a daily newspaper columnist for the Grand Rapids Press, the largest paper in Michigan's second largest city, his timely and humorous articles in architectural and building industry journals which have done so much to humanize the work of the architect, as well as his success as an architect, have gained for him the respect of every member of the profession and have made him an individual of influence in matters concerning the profession in Michigan. As a toastmaster there is no equal.

It is my personal opinion that he should be elevated to Fellowship in the Institute because of his achievements in Public Service, Service to the Institute and Literature. I am confident that most of the members of the profession in Michigan and many others elsewhere feel the same about him. It is my earnest hope that the Jury will act favorably upon his nomination.

Yours very truly,

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

Adrian N. Langius, FAIA



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It is with a great deal of pleasure that I support the nomination of Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Besides carrying on a successful practice as an architect, he has contributed greatly as a public speaker on architecture and allied subjects in Michigan and throughout the country, as well as contributing a daily newspaper column for the Grand Rapids Press. His humorous and timely articles in architectural journals have established him as an individual of influence in matters concerning the profession.

He has been a member of the Western Michigan Chapter for many years and has served as its President and member of the Board of Directors. He has also served as President of the Michigan Society of Architects, a State Association of the American Institute of Architects. He is very active in civic affairs in the City of Grand Rapids and is a tireless worker on programs concerning the general welfare of its citizens.

Because of his achievements in public service and service to the Institute, I respectfully submit his name to the Jury of Fellows.

Yours very truly,

AMEDEO LEONE,

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

Gentlemen:

Michigan Architects have justifiable pride for their esteemed colleague Roger Allen.

He has carried on the practice of his father in Grand Rapids since 1935. His work includes many outstanding buildings throughout Michigan.

He has served the Western Michigan Chapter through many offices and committee assignments with distinction. His general interest and assistance has furthered good architectural public relations. For many years he edited the chapter bulletin which succeeded in generating increased interest in the chapter activities.

He has been an influential member of the Michigan Society of Architects. As president and perennial director, he has helped establish many of the policies which has made the Michigan Society an outstanding unit of the Institute.

As a toastmaster and raconteur he has served his profession well. Throughout the land he is known for his genial wit and many stories. By his willingness to travel, he has helped add sparkle and punch to architects gatherings from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

As ambassador of good will, he has advanced the profession in the public esteem. His daily column in the Grand Rapids newspaper, his many public speaking engagements, his participation in civic projects and his social activities all contribute to a better appreciation of the architectural profession.

I feel it a great privilege to add my recommendation and support for the nomination to advance Roger Allen to Fellowship in the Institute.

Very truly yours,



Elmer J. Manson, Treasurer  
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October 26, 1953

Jury of Fellows  
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1741 New York Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that the Executive Committee of the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has, at long last, nominated one of their most worthy members, Mr. Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, for a Fellowship in the Institute.

I have known Mr. Allen for over thirty years and have been intimately associated with him on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects since 1942. During these many years I have ever envied him his ability, energy, sound judgment, congenial personality and unsurpassed sense of humor. It seems to me that he has everything it takes to make an outstanding architect and a substantial citizen. He has been a propelling force in the majority of the civic enterprises of his home city and his state and he has journeyed far and wide in behalf of his beloved profession.

Mr. Allen is one of Michigan's first citizens and I urge that he receive your favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

I am very glad to enthusiastically support the nomination of Mr. Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Allen for several years, have heard him speak and serve as toastmaster and have read many of his articles.

Mr. Allen is nationally known and highly respected by all who have come in contact with him. He has given unstintedly of his time and effort to the profession and his fellow architects.

I feel the honor of advancement to "Fellowship" of Roger Allen by the American Institute of Architects is certainly deserved and long passed due.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Warren D. Miller".

Warren D. Miller, F.A.I.A.

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October 23, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

As a member of the American Institute of Architects and a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Architects, a state organization of the A.I.A., I should like to support the nomination of Roger Allen for Fellowship in the A.I.A.

While carrying on a successful practice in architecture, Mr. Allen has selflessly devoted a great deal of his time to the activities of the Western Michigan Chapter and the Michigan Society of Architects, having served both groups as President. His services while in office have contributed much to making the A.I.A. and the profession a force of influence for the general good of the citizens of Michigan. He is currently serving with the writer on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society where he continues to give guidance to the affairs of the Society.

Perhaps his most valuable contribution to the profession has been as lecturer, writer and public speaker. His contributions as speaker and writer to the professional and technical audience are well known and have been stimulating to the profession as a whole. We feel that these contributions alone should qualify him for elevation to Fellowship. However, we believe his greatest contribution has been in his ability to bring before the general public "The case of Architecture" through his daily columns, writings in non-technical journals, and while serving as toastmaster and speaker to a myriad of organizations of professional, business and public service. The talents of Roger Allen are unique among architects in this respect. He has never failed to do credit to the profession.

Very truly yours,

James B. Morison

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The Jury of Fellows,  
American Instiyute of Architects,  
1735 New York Avenue,  
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen,

I am please to learn that Mr. Roger Allen has been nominated for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects by the Executive Committee of the Western Michigan Chapter, A. I. A.

Roger Allen's prestige and popularity in the State of Michigan is known to the whole membership of the Institute.

His work is known to be a considerable contribution to better Architecture and his high professional qualities and leadership in Institute affairs recommend him highly fo the honor of a Fellowship.

It is with great pleasure that I commend and endorse his nomination for favorable action and hope that he will be elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Sincerely yours,



Allan H. Neal.

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October 22, 1953

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear sirs:


It is with genuine pleasure that I write this letter in support of the nomination of Roger Allen of the Western Michigan Chapter for Fellowship in The Institute.

Roger is probably one of the best known, and best loved, personalities in the history of the profession and throughout all the many years I have known him he has graciously and unceasingly yielded to all requests upon his time and talents to assist in every worthy movement for the good of the profession.

Outstanding in my own knowledge of his contributions to the profession was his invaluable aid in persuading the Michigan chapter and the Michigan Society of Architects that membership in the Institute was the best answer, and the important first step, to the then consuming question of "unification" and professional solidarity.

It is a privilege to offer my unqualified support of his nomination to Fellowship.

Sincerely,

  
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October 19, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

It has been called to my attention that Mr. Roger Allen of Grand Rapids has been nominated by the Executive Committee of the Western Michigan Chapter for a Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

I have known Mr. Allen personally for thirty years, served with him on Committees of both the Society and Chapter and over that period have met him many times socially.

In Grand Rapids where he resides he is regarded as one of the active citizens in the civic affairs of the city, serving on Committees and sponsoring programs for the general welfare of its citizens.

Michigan Architects I am sure agree with me that over the years he has been most generous with his time with having to do with the benefit of his profession and the Institute. He combines the unusual quality of being a tremendous worker, having a large practice, is one of the best professional speakers and toastmaster, and probably the most popular architect in Michigan.

I am sure it will please our local architectural contingent to have such a Fellowship awarded because of his achievements in public service, in service to the Institute and in literature.

Yours very truly,



H. Augustus O'Dell

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## THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS LINN SMITH, PRESIDENT, 153 E. ELIZABETH ST., DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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OCTOBER 26, 1953

THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
THE OCTAGON  
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE NOMINATION OF ROGER ALLEN, A.I.A. OF GRAND RAPIDS FOR FELLOWSHIP IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND WISH TO SUPPORT THIS NOMINATION.

MR. ALLEN'S INFLUENCE ON BEHALF OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION HAS BEEN MOST SIGNIFICANT. AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL ARCHITECT HE HAS IN HIS MANY PUBLIC ADDRESSES AND IN HIS WRITING FOR THE LAY PUBLIC MADE ARCHITECTURE AND THE FUNCTION AND SERVICES OF AN ARCHITECT KNOWN TO MANY PEOPLE. HE HAS IN EFFECT BEEN AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE PROFESSION FOR A GREAT MANY YEARS AND HAS DONE THE PROFESSION AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE SERVICE. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE AFFAIRS OF HIS COMMUNITY GIVING HIS ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM TO MANY COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT THOUGHT OF PERSONAL BENEFIT.

HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE PROFESSION IN HIS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION IS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. HE HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, HAVING SERVED AS ITS PRESIDENT AND AS A MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE HAS BEEN AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS, A STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, ALMOST WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR 25 YEARS HAVING SERVED ALSO AS ITS PRESIDENT. MR. ALLEN IS AT THE PRESENT TIME A DIRECTOR OF THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS AND THE OFFICERS AND OTHER DIRECTORS LEAN HEAVILY UPON HIM FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS EXPERIENCE AND JUDGMENT IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE PROFESSION.

ON BEHALF OF THE ARCHITECTS IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR RESPECT FOR ROGER ALLEN AS A MEMBER OF THE PROFESSION AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROFESSION AND OUR BELIEF THAT HE SHOULD BE ELEVATED TO FELLOWSHIP IN THE INSTITUTE BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE, HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS WRITING AND SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PROFESSION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

MICHIGAN SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS



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October 13, 1953

THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
THE OCTAGON  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I understand that thought is being given to the advancement of Roger Allan of Grand Rapids, Michigan to Fellowship.

If Mr. Allan had never drawn his pencil along the edge of a T square he would, in my opinion, be deserving of the title of Fellow. He has rendered an invaluable service to the profession by having contributed immeasurably to the advancement of the profession. To many a layman the architect is still the long haired, flowing tied dreamer completely divorced from the problems of the times. By Mr. Allan's superlative sense of humor and his ability to reflect credit upon the other members of his profession by his platform brilliance, it is only fit that his contribution be appropriately recognized.

I deem it a privilege and a pleasure to add my word of commendation and trust that he will receive favorable consideration by the group appointed to review the candidates for fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,



Harold Spitznagel A. I. A.

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October 14, 1953

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

Gentlemen:

I wish to endorse the nomination of Roger Allen of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

For many years I have known Mr. Allen and his work. I have the greatest respect for his professional achievements and for his great contributions in the field of architecture.

I am a member and a past president of the Duluth Chapter, AIA. I am a past president of the Minnesota State Society.

Very truly yours,

  
Harold S. Starin

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October 19, 1953

THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
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RE: Roger Allen  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Gentlemen:

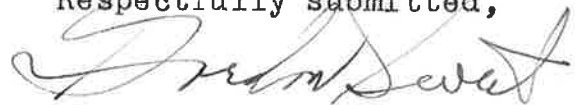
I note from recent information from the Western Michigan Chapter of the American Institute of Architects that they have nominated Roger Allen of Grand Rapids for consideration as a Fellow. This nomination is extremely interesting to me, as I have known Mr. Allen for many years; first, as a student at the University of Michigan, and later, professionally as a member of the Institute.

While I was a student in the Architectural Department at the University of Michigan, Mr. Allen's influence toward the betterment of the educational processes at the University of Michigan was felt on several occasions. His influence was kind and constructive. His criticism of the Department of Architecture was always based on the promise that a profession should contribute from its experience a better understanding of the impact of a well-rounded curriculum, so that the student would have a better understanding of the practice of Architecture and community needs.

With all of his humor and wit, there is much in his writings and talks that lead and guide the profession. Mr. Allen's enthusiastic approach to architectural practice has been of considerable influence to me. The encouragement that he extends to younger men in the profession is stimulating, and at the same time, promotes a better understanding of inter-office relationships. The fact that he has given freely of his time and efforts for community projects in Grand Rapids, and his service to the profession in the entire State of Michigan, has not only benefited those whom he has served, but also has set a standard for the entire architectural profession.

I am delighted that Michigan has chosen to nominate Mr. Allen to a Fellowship, and certainly wish to extend my support to the nomination. The one factor that I believe should not be overlooked in this nomination is that Mr. Allen's character is of the best and that he represents a high standard of community living.

Respectfully submitted,



for:  
THOMAS AND SWEET  
ARCHITECTS

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The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue N W  
Washington 6 D C

Gentlemen: It is with pleasure that I learn of the nomination of Roger Allen of Grand Rapids for Fellowship in the Institute.

Roger is probably our best ambassador of good will. He punctures the balloons that make us too self important and makes us realize that architects, too, are human.

This human quality and attitude, which has been given unique expression by Mr. Allen, is entirely worthy of recognition by his advancement to Fellowship.

Aware as we are that public relations will determine the future course of our profession, it is most wise to recognize Mr. Allen's abilities.

Sincerely  
  
L Morgan Yost, FAIA

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October 30, 1953

The Jury of Fellows  
The American Institute of Architects  
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Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to endorse the nomination of Roger Allen for Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects.

Roger Allen has given many years of distinguished service to the Institute and the profession on Chapter, State and National level, and has ably filled the highest offices which the architects of Michigan can confer.

As a practicing architect, he is held in high regard by his contemporaries throughout the State, and his counsel is constantly sought on important matters affecting the profession in Michigan.

In the field of Public Relations, few architects have made a contribution so noteworthy. Through his unique ability and fame as a public speaker and writer, he has ably and favorably presented the profession to many segments of the public otherwise unreachable.

I earnestly commend the name of this candidate for your careful consideration.

Respectfully,



Arthur K. Hyde, F.A.I.A.

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November 5, 1953.

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

Gentlemen:

Roger Allen, A.I.A.

May I add my endorsement to that of those who have nominated Roger Allen for advancement to Fellowship.

No doubt the Executive Committee of his Western Michigan Chapter has supplied you with all factual data concerning the nominee.

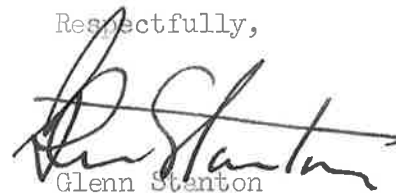
His service to his local confreres is evident.

His achievements in architecture are creditable.

His great native talents in writing and speaking have redounded to the credit of the profession over a period of many years. While he is not without serious words and thoughts, his droll wit has been most effective in furthering the profession of architecture in a most cheerful manner, an approach which is as refreshing as it is unique in these days dominated so much by the doleful protagonist.

It is a privilege to recommend Mr. Allen for your consideration for his contribution to the profession through his rare abilities and activities.

Respectfully,

  
Glenn Stanton

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October 12, 1953

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THE JURY OF FELLOWS  
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Gentlemen:

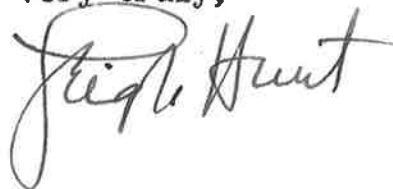
I have been informed that the name of Roger Allen of the Western Michigan Chapter has been submitted for advancement to Fellowship.

I have known Mr. Allen for over twenty years and during that time I have met him in his home state as well as in Wisconsin at various times when he was President of his Chapter and President of the Michigan Society of Architects.

He has done yeomans work for his community and his state and the Institute, and his architectural practice is excellent.

I consider it an honor to support the nomination of Roger Allen for advancement to Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,



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