

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

R-4609

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August 10, 1912

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects. I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute, and agree if elected, honorably to maintain them.

I apply under Class - C - [A, B or C.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Merritt J. Morehouse

Address 2114 Fisher Bldg. Chicago, Ill.

Place and date of birth Mt. Pleasant Iowa - 1868 - Dec 11

Graduate in architecture [Give name of institution and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture [Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts. [State which, and year—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name M. J. Morehouse

Have been in practice - 16 - years

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

Collegiate and office training 2 years in Iowa Wesleyan College 3 years in University of Illinois 3 years office of S. H. Burnham

I hereby agree to abide by the provisions of the "Circular of Advice Relative to the Conduct of Architectural Competitions and a Code Governing the Conduct of Members of the American Institute of Architects taking part therein" and of the "Circular of Advice Relative to Principles of Professional Practice and Canons of Ethics."

M. J. Morehouse [Signature of applicant.]

I hereby certify that the foregoing applicant is a member of Illinois Chapter, A. I. A.

H. W. Deeter, Jr. Secretary.

Ill. Chapter, A. I. A. [To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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:

[Signatures of three Institute members: H. B. Whellock, Allen O. Ford]

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required.]

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M. J. MOREHOUSE,
ARCHITECT.
343 S. DEARBORN ST.
CHICAGO.

*Rec'd - r Ack'd
9/17/12
R. J. Spurr
9/17/12*

September 13, 1912.

Mr. Glenn Brown,

Sec'y. The American Institute of Architects,

The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of September 9th referring to my application for membership in the Institute asking for plans and photographs.

I am sending you by express, a roll of plans consisting of factory building and office building for the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flake Company; building for the Cole Mfg. Co., and a club house for the Westmoreland Country Club.

I am also sending a few photographs showing some of my work.

My work in the last few years has been largely a heavy construction executed in reinforced concrete and I have erected a number of large manufacturing plants.

Hoping that these exhibits will meet with your approval, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. J. Morehouse

MJM/LF

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October 24 1912.

Mr. M. J. Morehouse,
2114 Fisher Building,
Chicago.

Dear Sir:- I am returning to you by Express your exhibit of work submitted in connection with your application for membership in the Institute.

Your application has not yet been finally acted upon. It will come before the next meeting of the Board of Directors, which will be early in December next.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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Priv'g'd Comm'ns
Attk Oct. 15, 1912

Rec'd to date, Oct. 8, '12

M. J. Morhouse
Chicago
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P. J. Weber,
Architect,
Fisher Building.

Chicago Sept 21. 1912.

To the Board of Directors A. I. A.

Gentlemen.

In explanation of my negative vote, I beg to state, that Mr. M. J. Morehouse combines the work of the Architect with the work of the contractor. He building of factories is his specialty for which he buys the material, employs and supplies the labor.

For several years Mr. M's office was close to mine, since I had subletted space to him, and during part of this period we were associated on several buildings.

I have recounted my personal experiences with him to Mr. J. K. Pond and do not wish to repeat them unless necessary, but their nature is such as to render it a duty for me to say, that he lacks the high sense of honor, which is a requisite in the attainment of an associate membership in the A. I. A.

Regretting not to have recognized his at an earlier time,

Yours truly,
P. J. Weber.

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Deposited

Hill & Waltersdorf,
ARCHITECTS.
LA FAYETTE BUILDING,
138 N. LA SALLE STREET,
CHICAGO.

TEL. MAIN 3960.

To the Board of Directors,
American Institute of Architects.

Gentlemen:

The ballot bearing the name of Merritt J. Morehouse applicant for membership in the Institute, prompts this communication.

I have known Mr. Morehouse, casually, for many years. He is a member of the Illinois Chapter, A. I. A. Years ago he practiced architecture in this city in ~~association~~ with the late Mr. J. Brinkman. Mr. Brinkman was a member of the Ill. Chapter. Later Mr. Morehouse was in partnership with Peter J. Weber. Mr. Weber is a member of the Chapter and the Institute.

Mr. Brinkman did not hesitate to speak disparagingly of Mr. Morehouse's sense of honor. Mr. Weber no doubt has expressed his opinion of the applicant to you.

Mr. Morehouse couples the practice of architecture with that of builder in that he undertakes the work of building for his clients from his own plans. Article 1 of the Institute Canon of Ethics states, "It is unprofessional for an architect to engage directly or indirectly in any of the building trades".

The three endorsers of Mr. Morehouse for membership I hold in high esteem and I feel sure none of them would endorse a man unless he believed him worthy. The applicant is a man of agreeable personality.

HENRY W. HILL.

ARTHUR WOLTERS DORF.

Hill & Woltersdorf,

ARCHITECTS.

LA FAYETTE BUILDING,

138 N. LASALLE STREET,

CHICAGO.

TEL. MAIN 3960.

However, further inquiry may be of value.
I shall refrain from voting.

Very respectfully yours
Arthur Woltersdorf

Chicago, September 24, 1912

Merritt J. Morehouse
Chicago

See B. of D. Jan. 15, 13

Rejected -
Notified 1/27/13

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Should have been
considered by B. of D. in Dec.
but was overlooked.

Ballot result (retire Oct. 15, 12)
33 favorable / unfavorable.

January 26 1913.

Mr. Merritt J. Morehouse,
2114 Fisher Bldg,
Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

I regret to have to inform you that your applica-
tion for membership in the Institute was not accept-
ed by the Board of Directors at their last meet-
ing, on account of certain adverse privileged com-
munications received by them.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Morehouse, Merritt
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Application for Membership

Dec. 19, 1918

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

SIR:

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

[Insert appropriate letter.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Merritt J. Morehouse
Address 343 S. Dearborn St. Chicago, Illinois.
Place and date of birth Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
Graduate in architecture Three years in University of Illinois
Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts _____

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto. Member of Illinois Chapter for about ten years.

If practicing architect, firm name M. J. Morehouse

Have been in practice Twenty two years.

If draughtsman, employed by _____

Collegiate and office training Three years University of Illinois - Two years in Iowa Wesleyan - One year Paris France - Five years office D.H. Burnham.

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.

M. J. Morehouse
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application was duly elected an Member Associate of the Illinois

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date Prior to Dec. 6, 1916,

Thompson Holman Secretary.

J. L. 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.

Unanimous Endorsement.
Thompson Holman Sec.

John Leonard Hamilton
Wm. N. Baker
James C. Allred

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

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May 7th, 1919

My dear Mr. Morehouse:-

As Secretary of the Institute, it is my pleasure and duty to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective May 1st.

You have been assigned to the Illinois Chapter, and I am sending a copy of this communication to Mr. Holsman, the Secretary.

The enclosed statement of \$10.00 should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues have been paid, and election becomes void within three months of this date for non-payment.

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 will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Mr. Merritt J. Morehouse,
343 S. Dearborn Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

P:VB
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Copy to Mr. Holsman, Secretary of Illinois Chapter

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February 20, 1936.

Dear Mr. Morehouse:

We write with regret to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and the Chapter to which you are assigned, effective December 31, 1935.

As stated in the Notice of December 6th, the Board of Directors extended the time limit for payment of dues in default to January 31. It directed that 1936 dues be not charged against the accounts of those memberships so terminated.

The Officers and Board sincerely hope that as soon as improved conditions enable you to renew your support of the Institute and the Chapter you will apply for reinstatement in the manner indicated on the enclosed excerpt.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:G
Enclosure

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Mr. Merritt J. Morehouse
Mansfield, Georgia

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FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER