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Washington State Chapter.

Application Form with fields for Name, Address, City, State, and Date. Includes handwritten entries: "Nelson John Morrison", "229 Perkins Building, Tacoma Wash.", "Tacoma Wash", "June 6 1891", "March 13th, 1930".

Application for Membership

March 13th, 1930

To the Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

I hereby apply for Membership in The American Institute of Architects, and certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Nelson John Morrison

Address 229 Perkins Building, Tacoma Wash.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Tacoma Wash June 6 1891

Graduate in architecture B.S. in Arch 1915 - Univ. of Penna.
[Give name of institution and year. Diploma or Certificate of graduation (or photostatic copy) must accompany this application]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture.....
[If required in your case, attach evidence (or photostatic copy.)]

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

If your State has a Registration or License Law and you are not registered, state reasons.....

If practicing architect, firm name Hill, Mack & Morrison

Have been in practice 1 1/4 years. If draughtsman, employed by.....

Collegiate and office training 5 Year. U. of Cal. academic. 4 years U. of P. - 9 yrs in offices
[School Board - Seattle, A.L. Loreless, Sutton, Whitney & Duhan - Tacoma, Hill & Mack]

I have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of the Institute and the circular of advice relative to "Principles of Professional Practice," 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.

(1) Nelson John Morrison
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date 1923 Lapsed (2) L. E. Gowen
[Insert date of election to chapter.] [Signature of the Secretary of the chapter.]

If the applicant is not an Associate, the following acknowledgment must be signed:

Without endorsement I hereby take note on behalf of my chapter that this applicant is applying for Institute membership (3) L. E. Gowen Secy. Washington State Chapter.
[Signature of President or Secretary of Chapter to which the applicant will be assigned if elected.]

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

Registration or License Number.
(Essential if Registered)

- (4) Ernest J. Moore
- (5) Arthur L. Loomis
- (6) Roland E. Bush

It is not mandatory that applicants from Registration or License law states be registered or licensed. But the current number of Registration or License must appear here if the applicant is registered or licensed.

[The signatures of three Institute members are here required even if 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 applicant proposed, and in which there were no negative votes. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

(7) L-84
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The PROVOST VICE-PROVOST and PROFESSORS of the UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

To all to whom these presents may come GREETING

WHEREAS it is the ancient right and custom of universities to reward meritorious attainments in Letters Sciences and Philofophy as well as notable achievements in behalf of the Public Weal by admiffion to appropriate academic degrees: **NOW** therefore We under the authority of a mandate from the Trustees of this Univerfity have with due form admitted - Nelson Morrison - who has honorably fulfilled the requirements impofed by the statutes to the degree of - Bachelor of Science in Architecture - granting therewith all the rights honors and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Trustees at PHILADELPHIA on this 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1915. and of this Univerfity the 175th

ATTEST

Edward B. ...
Secretary



Edmund H. Pennington, Provost

Edmund H. Pennington, Vice-Provost

John ... Dean

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

COPY

May 20, 1930.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective May 20, 1930.

You have been assigned to the Washington State Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been advised.

A Membership Card is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you in due course.

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. Nelson John Morrison
229 Perkins Building
Tacoma, Wash.

K/FHG
Enc.

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

Member
Morrison



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

April 21, 1954

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - March 6, 1954

TO: *Transferred Member:* Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, A.I.A.
227 Werkins Building
Tacoma, Washington

President
Secretary of Chapter
To Which Member is
Transferred Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, President
Southwest Washington Chapter, A.I.A.
227 Perkins Building
Tacoma, Washington

Secretary of Chapter
From Which Member
Is Transferred Mr. Wendell H. Lovett, Secretary
Washington State Chapter, A.I.A.
409 Central Building
Seattle 4, Washington

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

George Bain Cummings
SECRETARY

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TO NOTE:

Mrs. Immer *noted*
Mrs. Day *noted*
~~Miss Ferguson~~ *noted*

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Then to Files, please.

*Members
Morrison, Nelson J*

October 16, 1956

Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, A.I.A.
227 Perkins Building
Tacoma 2, Washington

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Your letter of October 11th is received, in which you request that as you are now practicing under your own name, the firm of Mock and Morrison should be deleted where it appears after your name in the Membership Director of the A.I.A. for 1956-1957.

I am bringing this to the attention of the Office of The Treasurer of The Institute, who has charge of the Membership Directory records and printing, to be sure the deletion will be made before the next printing of the Directory.

Sincerely yours,



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

Copy to Mr. Eger (with file)

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Members.
Morrison, Nelson J.
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October 22, 1956

Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, A.I.A.
227 Perkins Building
Tacoma 2, Washington

Dear Mr. Morrison:

We have learned with pleasure that you have been selected as a member of the Regional Judiciary Committee for the Northwest District, and accordingly have officially enrolled your name. You are undertaking an important assignment and one which entails a considerable amount of responsibility. It will be necessary for you, therefore, to divorce yourself from all local discussion of ethical matters and absent yourself from any official chapter executive committee meetings where such matters are discussed.

The function of the Regional Judiciary Committee is to primarily act somewhat in the manner of a grand jury and to determine as to how the cases which are brought to your attention be best disposed and make recommendations accordingly. It is not the function of a Regional Judiciary Committee or any of its members to act as prosecutor, to instigate proceedings in matters of unprofessional conduct, unless you should find yourself a direct party to some case, in which instance you would have to disqualify yourself from further action as a member of the Judiciary Committee in that particular case.

We are sure you will find the assignment interesting and not necessarily onerous.

The preferring of charges of unprofessional conduct is not a common occurrence, and it is conceivable that you may serve your entire term without being called upon to act.

For your information, we are sending you copies of relevant portions of the Bylaws of The Institute, the Judiciary Procedures, and a review of some of the judiciary cases taken from the files of The Institute.

Mr. Nelson J. Morrison

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October 22, 1956

As questions arise, we shall endeavor to keep all judiciary committees informed so that action and procedures will be as uniform as possible throughout the domain of The Institute.

If you have any further questions or if we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Yours sincerely,

Leon Chatelain, Jr.,
President

LC:mi

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Members
Morrison, Nelson J.
1930

December 17, 1958

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Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, A.I.A.
227 Perkins Building
Tacoma 2, Washington

Dear Mr. Morrison:

It is a pleasure to learn that you have been selected as Chairman of the Regional Judiciary Committee for the Northwest District and we have accordingly enrolled your name.

Since you were formerly a member of the Committee you are familiar with its duties, and have received all the pertinent documents.

If there is any information or documents which we can supply, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Yours sincerely,

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

ERP:hra
cc: Miss Gervais

f
Morrison
Morrison, Nelson J.

1930

January 14, 1959

To: R. Clay
From: F. H. Gervais
Re: Change of address

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Have received advice of this change:

Nelson J. Morrison, A.I.A.
6433½ South Tacoma Way
Tacoma 9, Washington

copy to Miss Swan



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER, INC.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON
12 August 1963

Director, Administrative Services
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington 6, DC

Attn: Miss Maureen Marx, Membership

Dear Miss Marx:

Last year, Nelson J. Morrison AIA, Charter President of our Southwest Washington Chapter AIA, was awarded the Honorary title of Member Emeritus.

Will you please help me confirm the date of National approval and also advise procedure for complying with the non-payment of dues as Member Emeritus.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Jones
Robert M. Jones, President
Southwest Washington Chapter AIA

cc. Nelson J. Morrison AIA
USVA Hospital
4435 Beacon Hill Ave. So.
Seattle 8, Washington

Miss Marx 1963

ADDRESS REPLY TO: 1716 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma 2, Washington

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Octagon • 1735 New York Avenue, N. W. • Washington 6, D. C. • EXecutive 3-7050

August 13, 1963

Mr. Robert M. Jones, President
Southwest Washington Chapter, A.I.A.
1716 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma 2, Washington

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 12, 1963, wherein reference is made that Mr. Nelson J. Morrison was awarded the Honorary title of Member Emeritus.

Our records indicate that Mr. Morrison has not been elected Member Emeritus. Perhaps this title was bestowed upon him by the Chapter rather than by The Institute.

Election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute would permit Mr. Morrison to retain all the rights and privileges of active corporate membership while being exempted from the payment of further dues to the A.I.A. and the Southwest Washington Chapter.

If the chapter so recommends, Mr. Morrison's 1963 Institute dues may be waived thus permitting his election to Member Emeritus retroactive to January 1, 1963.

Enclosed is a form requesting this change in status and if you will have Mr. Morrison fill it in, sign, and return it, we shall be glad to see that it receives prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence H. Gervais
Head, Membership Department

FHG/g

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

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

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age. Born 6.6.1891
- b. I am 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.
- c. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.

Write in
name of
chapter.

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the ^{Chapter President 1934} ~~SWW, Washington~~ chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application. ¹⁹¹⁷

Respectfully,

Date 20 August 1963

Nelson J. Ronson
Signature

The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but not the requirements of a, b, or c.

SEP 29 1963



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER, INC.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

August 20, 1963

Miss Florence H. Gervais
Head, Membership Department
Administrative Services
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais,

Thank you for your immediate reply concerning election as a Member Emeritus of the Institute for Nelson J. Morrison.

On August 15, 1963, our Chapter Executive Board restated a recommendation of the Chapter in 1962 that Mr. Morrison be elected to Member Emeritus.

Enclosed is the completed form of Application for Membership Emeritus by Mr. Morrison. Our records show that Mr. Morrison has been a Corporate Member of the Institute since 1930; he was assigned to the Seattle Chapter (then called the Washington State Chapter) at least for the 20 years from 1934 to 1954. After much personal effort by Mr. Morrison, the Southwest Washington Chapter AIA received its Charter in 1954 with Mr. Morrison as the Charter President; from 1954 to present, Mr. Morrison has been an active and inspiring member of our Chapter. At present Mr. Morrison is hospitalized due to complications of both diabetes and a heart condition. (When I visited him today he appeared much improved and seemed to be recovering from the original setbacks).

Thank you again for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Jones

Robert M. Jones, President
Southwest Washington Chapter
American Institute of Architects
Encl: AIA Form H-601
CC: Nelson J. Morrison, AIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
RMJ:jer

1716 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma 2, Washington

Morrison, Nelson J.



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION — MEMBER EMERITUS

(Handwritten mark)

TO **Mr. Nelson J. Morrison, AIA
USVA Hospital - 4435 Deacon Hill Ave. So.
Seattle 8, Washington**

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

MEMBER EMERITUS

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you
are a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and
such organizations, effective **January 1, 1963.**

Clinton Gauske

Date **Sept. 3 19 63**

.....
Secretary

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER

*member
Morrison, Nelson*

*Dearest Mr.
Morrison, Nelson*

22 November 1963

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Clinton Gamble FAIA
Secretary
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gamble:

On Wednesday, 16 October 1963, our personal and professional friend Nelson Morrison, A.I.A. died. Enclosed is a copy of a newspaper clipping describing some of Nelson's accomplishments.

*12/4/63. Noted
Eric J. [unclear]*

As a result of your Board action 3 September 1963, Nelson was made Member Emeritus of The American Institute of Architects. It was gratifying for me to notify him of your action; Nelson was highly pleased.

Thank you again for the prompt and timely move.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Jones

Robert M. Jones AIA, President
Southwest Washington Chapter
American Institute of Architects .

encl: 1 clipping
RMJ: jr

1716 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma 2, Washington

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Death Notice
Morrison, Nelson

Nelson John Morrison Dies



NELSON JOHN MORRISON

*16 Oct.
1963

Nelson John Morrison, 72, formerly of 6433 1/2 South Tacoma Way, died Wednesday in a Retsil hospital. Mr. Morrison was a former Tacoma architect and was mayor of Fircrest from 1945 to 1952.

He was born in Tacoma and lived in this area all his life. He was a graduate of Stadium High School and studied at the University of California. He was graduated with a degree in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Morrison began his career with Hill and Mock, Architects, a firm which later became Mock and Morrison, then Morrison Architects. He and his associates designed many Pierce County school buildings, including Tacoma Vocational-Technical Institute.

An active participant in art and music, Mr. Morrison was an accomplished pianist, appearing in many programs and solo recitals. He also was known for his water color painting, etching, pen-and-ink drawing and wood carving, in 1942 giving a one-man exhibit. He was a charter member of Tacoma Philharmonic, Inc., in which he held several offices, and was a former president of the Fine Arts Studio Club. He was also known as a linguist.

Mr. Morrison was a member of the American Institute of Architects and was charter president of the Southwest Washington Chapter.

On several occasions, he appeared on the musical programs at dedications of schoolhouses he had designed.

Mr. Morrison several times visited Europe in his study of architecture. He was a former ensign in the Navy, serving on the East Coast during World War I.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. E. M. Fife, of Tacoma; two brothers, Norman, of Staten Island, N.Y. and Robert, of Tacoma; and a nephew, Carl M. Berry, of Seattle.

Services will be announced by Mountain View Funeral Home.

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