

Dated April 2 1941.  
Received April 7 1941.  
Granted June 7 1941.

MEMBERSHIP NO 797



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order  
May 6, 1941  
H. J. ...*

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- A Name of applicant... Joseph Henry Abel... Chapter... Washington, D. C.
- B Address of applicant... 1327 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
- C Applicant proposed by... Leon Chatelain, Jr. and Julian E. Berla
- D Application received with check for \$ 20.00... on April 7 1941.  
\$20.00 check returned. New one for \$10. requested.
- E Application returned for correction... New check received... May 1 41  
May 6 19 41
- F Application in due order on... May 6 1941.
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent D.C. April 8 19 41 Received. April 10 19 41 Exemp.  
Va. April 8, 1941 April 10 41 Exam.  
Md. April 8, 1941 April 15 41 Recip.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on... ~~May 9 1941, on April 8 1941~~
  - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on... June 10 1941 on May 9 1941
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on... 19
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~received on~~ received on... May 16 1941
- J No report from chapter executive committee on... 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on... June 3 19 41
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on... June 3 19 41
- M Applicant was admitted on... June 7 19 41
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on... June 7 19 41
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ returned to applicant on... 19

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Joseph Henry Abel

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Date June 7, 1941.

*Chas. J. Ingham*  
Secretary

(a)

000-11-3-39

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



ORIGINAL

File the original with The Secretary of The American Institute of Architects.

File the duplicate, on gray paper, with the secretary of the local chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

- 1. My full name is Joseph Henry Abel
2. I am a natural citizen of the United States
3. My legal residence is in the City of Washington, D.C.
4. My address in The Institute records will be my office
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a practicing architect
6. I desire to be a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws, the rules and regulations, and the Standards of Practice of The American Institute of Architects...
8. I filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named and attach his receipt therefor.
9. I enclose my check for \$ 28.00, for admission fee and the current annual dues.

2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.

8. Receipt required.

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20.00

28.00

Date April 2, 1941.

Signature of Joseph Henry Abel

Applicant sign full name in ink

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STATISTICS

10. Date of birth May 20, 1905 Place of birth Washington, D.C.

11. I am registered or licensed to practice architecture in the following named states:

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

Virginia

Maryland

District of Columbia (Partial exam)

(a) I hold a Certificate No. .... of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

EDUCATION

12. I attended the following named schools (high school, private school, college or university); have held the following named scholarships; have travelled in the following named countries:

Central High School

George Washington Univ.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

G.T. Santmyers	1923-1928	Draftsman
H.M. Bralove	1928-1931	Designer
J.J. Whelan	2/17/31-2/25/31	Draftsman
N.I. Crandall	2/26/31-5/8/31	Draftsman
A.B. Heaton	5/18/31-6/19/31	Draftsman
Wyeth & Sullivan	6/23/31-7/1/31	Draftsman
J.A. Parks	7/7/31 -7/17/31	Draftsman

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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations and of schools or colleges)

Dillon & Abel 1932-1939  
J.H. Abel 1939-1941

Practiced in the District of Columbia, Virginia, & Maryland.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 15. Member of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Junior of Institute from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Junior Associate of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. Member of State Association in \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made herein above by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for him and for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession. I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for 18 years.

I have known the applicant for 3 years.

Signed [Signature]  
Proposer

Signed [Signature]  
Proposer

Earl Chatelain Jr. 3.  
1724 K Street NW  
Wash. - D.C.

2 Dupont Circle  
Wash. D.C.

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## WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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1001 VERMONT AVENUE

TREASURER, THOMAS H. LOCRAFT  
1413 H STREET, N. W.

APRIL 5, 1941

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1941 APR -7 AM 9:53  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MR. CHARLES T. INGHAM, SECRETARY  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. INGHAM:

I AM ENCLOSING THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
AND \$20.00 CHECK OF MR. JOSEPH HENRY ABEL.  
HIS DUPLICATE APPLICATION IS IN MY FILES.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*Julian E. Berla*

JULIAN E. BERLA

COPY TO MR. ABEL.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OF



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
The Octagon, Washington, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Joseph Henry Abel - Architect, D. C.  
*(Name of Applicant)*

April 10, 1941

Shelton, Maryland

BOARD OF EXAMINERS,  
407 Belmont Building, Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Berla:  
We are in receipt of the application of Mr. Joseph Henry Abel for corporate membership in The Institute and assignment to the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Dear Sir:

You are an endorser on that application, but it appears from the record at The Octagon that you are indebted to The Institute for dues for the current year, the first installment of which became past due on March 31. Under the established procedure, members in default forfeit the right to propose an applicant for election until their dues have been paid.

We would like to expedite the election of Mr. Abel, so we are returning the application to you and would appreciate it if you would secure another endorsement from a corporate member in good standing - then returning the application to The Octagon.

We believe you have in mind payment shortly of your 1941 dues, or at least the first installment thereof. In that event, please so advise The Secretary at The Octagon, returning the application with your instructions to hold it until your good standing is restored.

We feel sure that you will absolve us from a desire to be technical in this matter, as we have no alternative.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

*(Signature)*  
Secretary

Mr. Julian E. Berla, A.I.A.  
2 Dupont Circle  
Washington, D. C.

Executive Secretary  
*(Name of Secretary)*

K/fs

Enc. Application #197

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1413 H STREET, N. W.

April 23, 1941

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Dear Ed:

In answer to your letter of April 10th, I am returning  
Mr. Abel's application.

My dues in arrear are payable by the Chapter, and I  
was under the impression that had been taken care of.  
When you get a check from our Treasurer Locraft in a day  
or so, will you please put through Mr. Abel's application.

Have a good time with the grizzly and other kind of  
bears.

Cordially,

*Julian*  
Julian E. Berla

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Joseph Henry Abel - Washington, D. C.

(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, District of Columbia

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
810 Eighteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date April 8 19 41

Chas. J. Ingman  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination?  or by exemption?
3. What was the scope of the examination? Evidence that he had passed the Virginia written exam. He then passed the D.C. written exam. in subjects E, F, G, H & K. He was then given an interview with the Board.
4. What was the period of the examination?                      days. Written examination Va. 28 hours; Oral examination D.C. 15 " hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No. If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration May 19 40 Registration No. 374 Is it current? Yes

Robert F. Beresford  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Robert F. Beresford, Secretary,  
District of Columbia Board of Examiners and  
Registrars of                      Architects  
(Name of Board)

Date April 9 19 41

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

Joseph Henry Abel, Washington, D. C.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Virginia  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
4030 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date April 8 19 41

Chas. J. Ingham  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes or by exemption? no
3. What was the scope of the examination? General 3 day examination given by the Board at that time
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination 26 hours; Oral examination 2 hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? no. If so, give Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of last registration Jan 22 1938. Registration No. 350. Is it current? yes

C. G. Massie  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

C. G. Massie, Secretary, Virginia State Board  
for the Examination and Certification of  
Architects, Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
(Name of Board)

Date April 9 19 41

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THE AMERICAN  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Joseph Henry Abel - Washington, D. C.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY, Maryland  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
409 Calvert Building, Baltimore, Md.  
*Address*

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date April 8 1941

*Chas. J. Sughan*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? or by exemption? by reciprocal
3. What was the scope of the examination? acceptance of 3 day written exam. of Virginia Board, June, 22, 23, 24, 1938
4. What was the period of the examination? 3 days. Written examination 124 hours; Oral examination          hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? No. If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration Feb 29 1940. Registration No. 361R. Is it current? Yes

*James R. Edmunds, Jr.*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

James R. Edmunds, Jr. Secretary, Maryland  
Board of Examiners and Registration of  
Architects  
(Name of Board)

Date April 14 1941

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Charles F. ...  
1735 New York Ave. NW  
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1941

Dear Mr. Abel:

Your application for membership in The Institute and its Washington, D. C. Chapter, dated April 2, 1941, with your check for \$20.00 attached, has been received. Your desire to become a member of The Institute is appreciated by The Board.

However, new applications need be accompanied by a remittance of only \$10.00 - \$5.00 for the admission fee and \$5.00 for the first year's dues in advance, if elected.

This was brought about by action of The Board of Directors, under authority of a recent amendment of the by-laws of The Institute, by which the dues for newly-elected corporate members were set as follows: for the first year of membership, five dollars; for the second year, ten dollars; for the third year, fifteen dollars; for the fourth year, twenty dollars; and for the fifth year, twenty-five dollars if the regular dues are that amount.

We therefore return herewith your check dated April 2 and ask that you send us a new one in the sum of \$10.00.

After the new check is received your application will be in due order, and The Secretary will do all he can to expedite the progress of your application. You will be promptly advised of the result of The Board's action thereon.

Sincerely yours,  
*Chas. J. Dugham*  
Secretary

Mr. Joseph Henry Abel, Architect  
1327 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

copies to: Director Purves, Mid-Atl. District  
Proposers: Mr. Leon Chatelain, Jr., AIA  
Mr. Julian E. Berla, AIA

CTI:FS  
Enc. check

JOSEPH H. ABEL

ARCHITECT

MICHIGAN 4466

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1327 CONNECTICUT AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1941 MAY -6 AM 9:27

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1941

Charles T. Ingham, Secretary  
The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

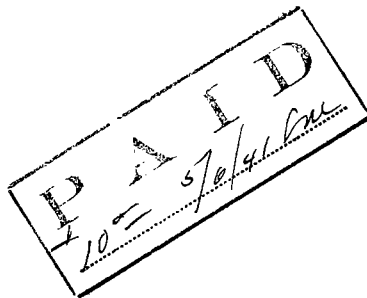
Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of May 1, 1941; I enclose my  
check for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to replace the check  
originally sent you.

Yours truly

*Joseph H. Abel*  
Joseph H. Abel

JHA:S  
enc.



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

COPY

June 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Abel:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Washington, D. C. Chapter, effective June 7, 1941. You will be a member of that chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute and The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your chapter affairs you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Chas. J. Snyman*  
Secretary

Mr. Joseph Henry Abel, A.I.A.  
1327 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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FILES

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

Members  
Mr. Joseph H. Abel

FILE COPY - PLEASE RETURN

September 13, 1957

Mr. Joseph H. Abel, A.I.A.  
310 Headquarters Building  
2000 P Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

I just heard today of the tragic event in your life. I had not seen Mrs. Abel for some years, but remember so pleasantly her presence at Octagon affairs.

May I take this occasion to express my deepest sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

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

ERP:hrs



No. NF #1377

Received Oct. 1 19 67

Voted On March 19 68

Voted On 19

Voted On 19

Granted APRIL 3 1968

No. M #1377

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
JURY OF FELLOWS

NOMINATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CASE RECORD

1. Name of Nominee Joseph Henry Abel Date of Nomination October 1 19 67
2. Address of Nominee 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.
3. Nominee's firm Berla & Abel, Architects
4. Nominee's principal place of business same as above
5. Nominee's Chapter Washington-Metropolitan Chapter
6. Nominee's State Organization
7. Nominee admitted to Institute June 7, 1941
8. Nominee has been in good standing in Institute from 6 1941 to 12/31 19 67
9. Nominee's age 62 Birthplace Washington, D. C.
10. Nominators: Fellows
  - (1) Nicholas Satterlee
  - (2) Julian E. Berla
  - (3) Leon Chatelain, Jr.
  - (4) Arthur H. Keyes, Jr.
  - (5) Howard H. Mackey
11. Achievement DESIGN, SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION & SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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CONFIDENTIAL

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Nomination for Fellowship by Individual Members and/or Fellows

Handwritten note: 34 hand

Handwritten note: No P.O. 11/21

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

Date October 1 19 67

We hereby nominate Joseph Henry Abel, AIA corporate member of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter, AIA for fellowship in

The Institute for his notable contribution to the advancement of the profession by his achievements in Design, Science of Construction, Service to the Profession

(NAME OF CATEGORY(S) FOR WHICH NOMINATION IS MADE--I.E., DESIGN, SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION, LITERATURE, EDUCATION, SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, PUBLIC SERVICE)

Evidence of the qualifications of the nominee for the fellowship is appended.

\* Members' Signatures

Chapter of Members

Handwritten signatures and typed names: Nicholas Satterlee, FAIA; Julian E. Berla, FAIA; Leon Chateletain, Jr., FAIA; Arthur H. Keyes, Jr., FAIA; Howard H. Mackey, FAIA

Chapter of Members: Washington Metropolitan

\* must be personally signed and typed

THE NOMINATORS SHOULD SEE THAT DATA IS SENT TO THE JURY OF FELLOWS IN SUPPORT OF THIS NOMINATION. ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE PRIVILEGED AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OTHERS.

Handwritten note: 10/2/67

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**BIOGRAPHICAL STATISTICS**

*Additional sheets may be inserted to supplement any page, 2 to 7, inclusive.*

**Typewriting only**

1. Nominee's full name: Joseph Henry Abel
2. Nominee is a  natural  naturalized citizen of The United States  
(NAME OF COUNTRY)
3. Nominee's legal residence (address): 3001 Veazey Terrace, N. W., Washington, D.C.
4. Nominee's firm name: Berla & Abel, Architects
5. Nominee's principal place of business (address): 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington
6. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture by: District of Columbia Board of  
Examiners & Registrars of Architects  
(NAME OF STATE BOARD, NCARB, AS CASE MAY BE)
7. Nominee is registered or licensed to practice architecture in the states of: D. C., Maryland,  
Virginia, Pennsylvania

8. Nominee is engaged in the profession of architecture as: Partner, Berla & Abel, Architects  
(CURRENT STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND POSITION)

9. Nominee's date of birth: 13 May, 1905 Place of birth: Washington, D. C.

10. Nominee's education:  
(a) Name of High School, College, University, Private Schools, Post Graduate, etc. (chronological order)

LOCATION	NO. OF YEARS	YEAR OF GRADUATION	DEGREE
Washington Central H.S.	4	1923	
George Washington Univ. (D.C.)	9	1932	B.Arch.

- (b) Scholarships held by nominee:

11. Nominee has traveled in the following countries:  
United States, Mexico, Canada, Western Europe, all South American countries except Paraguay.

12. Other data concerning nominee's record: (*important experiences during employment or additional statistics of importance in nominee's record*) Between 1923 and 1931, the nominee was employed as draftsman and designer by a variety of firms in the District of Columbia - George T. Santmeyer, H.M. Bralove, J.J. Whelan, Norris I. Crandall, Arthur B. Heaton, Wyeth & Sullivan, J.A. Parks. In 1932 he formed a partnership with Mr. Dillon, which was dissolved in 1939. From that date to 1941, he practiced alone. In 1942, he formed his present partnership of Berla & Abel, Architects.

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NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

(Part I of this page must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.)

1.\* Works

TYPE (a) Commercial (b) Monumental (c) Domestic (d) Special	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK (City) (State)	COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAHPS SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS
a	Shoreham Hotel and Motor Inn	Washington, D. C.	1928-1958	(1)
a	District News, Offices & Distribution Center	Washington, D. C.	1960	(1)
a	Farragut Office Building	Washington, D. C.	1960	(1)
c	Linden Hill Apartment Hotel	Washington, D. C.	1962	(1)
c	Judiciary House Apartment	Washington, D. C.	1964	(1)
d	Van Ness Center	Washington, D. C.	1965	(2)
c	Van Ness North	Washington, D. C.	1965	(2)

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.

The nominee has long been recognized as a specialist in the design of multi-family housing. More than fifty high-rise buildings reflect the development of skillfully planned apartment units housed in structures especially suited to their sites. From the period of his earliest design, the Shoreham Hotel with its farsighted approach to the placing of a large-scale building on a magnificent in-town property envisioning the proper growth of a large complex of buildings over a long period of years, to his latest design of the Van Ness Center, his unusual competency in this field has been consistently asserted. He has also written authoritatively in book form and in articles as detailed elsewhere in this application.

\* Part 1 above must be executed in all cases regardless of category for which nomination is made to conform to photographic exhibits which will be submitted.

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Nominee's Achievement in Architectural Design (continued)

Partial List of Projects for which the Nominee bore prime responsibility  
or for which the Nominee was Partner in Charge:

Apartments:

Governor Shepherd Apartments, Washington, D. C.	1935
Diplomat Apartments, Washington, D. C.	1938
2929 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.	1939
Published in <u>Architectural Record</u> .	
Three Apartment Buildings, Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C. Published in <u>Architectural Forum</u> , 1946.	1939
President Apartments, Washington, D. C.	1941
Crest View Apartments, Washington, D. C.	1950
Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade Award, 1951.	
Published in <u>Architectural Record</u> .	
Rittenhouse Apartments, Washington, D. C.	1956
Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade Award, 1956.	
Judiciary House Apartment, Washington, D. C.	1962
38 Multi-Story Apartment Buildings, Metropolitan- Washington Area.	1945-1965

Apartment-Hotels:

Linden Hill Apartment-Hotel, Bethesda, Maryland	1962
Highland House Apartment-Hotel, Chevy Chase, Maryland	1965
Irene Apartment-Hotel, Chevy Chase, Maryland	1965
Kenwood Apartment-Hotel, Chevy Chase, Maryland	1966

Hotels and Motels:

Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.	1928
Published in <u>Architectural Forum</u> .	
Addition to Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.	1939
Shoreham Motor Inn, Washington, D. C.	1958
Colony Seven Motel, Laurel, Maryland	1962

Complexes and Shopping Centers:

Kent Village Apartments and Shopping Center, Washington, D. C.	1947-1954
College Park Shopping Center, College Park, Maryland	1948
Frederick Shopping Center, Frederick, Maryland	1954
Van Ness Center: Shopping, Offices, Apartments and underground parking complex, Washington, D. C.	1965

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Partial List of Projects (continued)

Office Buildings:

Bender Building, Washington, D. C.	1958
Farragut Building, Washington, D. C.	1960
Indiana Building, Washington, D. C.	1962

Government Housing Projects:

Cabin John Defense Housing, Cabin John, Maryland	1941
Quantico Defense Housing, Quantico, Virginia	1942
Highland Dwelling, Washington, D. C. for the National Capital Housing Authority.	1952
Prototype Design, Bachelor Officers Quarters for the U. S. Army.	1955
Greenleaf Gardens, Washington, D. C. for the National Capital Housing Authority.	1955
LeDroit Apartments, Washington, D. C. for the National Capital Housing Authority.	1961

Other Government Projects:

Rehabilitation Facilities, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.	1943
Infirmiry Ward Building, Children's Center, Laurel, Maryland	1955

Other Projects:

Valley Forge Distribution Center, Washington, D. C.	1949
Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade Award, 1950	
Rosendorf Shop, Washington, D. C.	1950
Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade Award, 1950	
Goodwill Industries, Washington, D. C.	1957
Temple Emanuel Synagogue, Kensington, Maryland	1958
District News Offices and Distribution Center, Washington, D. C.	1960

NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE OF CONSTRUCTION

1. Construction Work

TYPE OF WORK CONSTRUCTED	IDENTIFICATION OF WORK	LOCATION OF WORK	COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION WORK (Year)	PHOTOGRAPHS DRAWINGS, OR SKETCHES SUBMITTED TO JURY OF FELLOWS

2. Books, Treatises, or Articles Written

SUBJECT TITLE	WHERE PUBLISHED	DATE PUBLISHED
<u>Apartment Houses</u>	Reinhold, New York	1947
<u>Chapter on "The Apartment House" in Forms and Functions of 20th Century Architecture</u>	Columbia University Press, New York	1952
<u>Article on Apartment Houses in Encyclopedia Britannica</u>	Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.	1951 through current edition

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.

Mr. Abel's book "Apartment Houses" (written in conjunction with Fred N. Severud who provided the section on structures) constitutes an important contribution to the profession. Including the history of this building type from Imperial Rome to the modern fireproof structure, a thorough analysis of the problems confronting the designer, and material on financing and on mechanical equipment, the work was enthusiastically reviewed by the architectural press upon publication and is a basic reference book for the profession. The expertise thus established has been further recognized by his inclusion in such publications as the Encyclopedia Britannica as well as by his colleagues who seek his services as consultant and teacher.

Mr. Abel is also highly regarded as an expert in codes and zoning; specific instances of his contributions in this field are included under the appropriate section herein.

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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.)

The nominee holds a B. Arch from George Washington University. Specifically, in the field of education, the nominee has lectured at Carnegie Institute of Technology on apartment design, and has served on numerous school juries. In more general terms, the achievements cited under Science of Construction are, of course, also of significance from an educational point of view.

**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.)

BOOK, TREATISE OR ARTICLE	SUBJECT	NAME OF BOOK OR PERIODICAL CONTAINING WORK	YEAR WORK PUBLISHED
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See "Science of Construction"

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**NOMINEE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

1. State fully the nominee's signal service to the profession, The Institute, his chapter, or his state organization, 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.

In addition to his contributions in Design and Science of Construction, Mr. Abel has been active in Institute and in community affairs. His Institute activity has been devoted to the improvement of the architect's business procedures, and among his notable achievements is his major role in the publication of the AIA Standard Accounting Methods. In community service, he has concentrated on codes and zoning, a field in which he is a recognized expert. Through his many years service on local committees concerned with this subject, he has made a major contribution both to the welfare of the community and to the profession he so ably represents to the public.

AIA Committee on Standard Accounting Methods for Architects.  
Vice Chairman, 1946-1948.

AIA Office Practice Committee, 1958-1960.

AIA-HUD Special Committee on Contract Documents, 1967----

Treasurer, Washington Metropolitan Chapter, AIA, 1944-1946.

Treasurer, Middle Atlantic Regional Convention, 1953.

Treasurer, Host Chapter, AIA Convention, 1957.

District of Columbia, Commissioners Building Code Advisory  
Committee, since 1946.

American Standards Association, Committee on Building Floor  
Area Standards, 1955.

Washington D. C. Board of Trade, Committee on Zoning Regula-  
tions, Consultant, 1956-1957.

Washington Hotel Association, Committee on the Building Code,  
1957-1960.

American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator, since 1963.

**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.

See "Service to the Profession"



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DECLARATION OF AUTHORSHIP

THE following certification must accompany the photographic exhibit. It may be signed by anyone in possession of full knowledge concerning the development of the design. This might be the Chapter President, a member of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, a partner of the nominee, or even the nominee himself. If the various examples were developed under different conditions respecting authorship, the various statements below should be keyed to the proper exhibits.

The accompanying photographs show examples of work with which the nominee's connection was as follows:

- The nominee was solely responsible for the design.
- The nominee was largely responsible for the design.
- The design was under the direction of the nominee.
- The nominee's firm executed the design.

Signed Julian E. Bula F.A.A. Title PARTNER, BUDWICK ASSOCIATES

Name of Nominee JOSEPH HENRY ABEL, AIA

April 9, 1968

Mr. Joseph Henry Abel, FAIA  
Berla & Abel, Architects  
1330 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abel:

The American Institute of Architects desires to confer upon you the honor of Fellowship and membership in the College of Fellows, in accordance with the action of the Jury of Fellows at its recent meeting, for your notable contribution in Science of Construction.

Your presence is requested at the 1968 Convention of The Institute to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 23-27, 1968.

Those who have been advanced to Fellowship will receive their medals at the Investiture ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, 1968, at the Masonic Temple, Portland, Oregon. Presentation will be with appropriate ceremony and it is highly desirable that each of the newly advanced Fellows be present.

Information will follow as to rehearsal, room reservations and any other pertinent details.

The Officers of The Institute and the Jury of Fellows join in the request that you come to receive this honor in person. Please send your response to The Institute at an early date.

A memorandum from the Department of Public Services regarding the public announcement of your advancement to Fellowship is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Max W. Allen, FAIA



1975 SUPPLEMENTAL DUES INVOICE  
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ABEL, JOSEPH H  
 1330 MASS AVE NW  
 WASHINGTON

DC 20005

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April 16, 1975

Mr. Joseph H. Abel, FAIA  
1330 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Abel:

The note on your invoice indicates you may be eligible to be elected a Member Emeritus. Such status would enable you to remain in the AIA and your chapter with full rights and privileges, while being relieved of dues payments.

If you would please fill in the enclosed application form and return it to this office, we shall be glad to see that the matter receives the Secretary's prompt attention.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director  
Membership Procedures

MM:hrs  
Enclosure

cc: Exec. Secretary, Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, AIA

Blind note to Jane: Please advise of Mr. Abel's standing and whether you approve of him being elected a Member Emeritus. (He states on his invoice that he retired July, 1974.)

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## Application for Membership Emeritus

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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

*Check the appropriate reason*

- I am more than 70 years of age.
- I am 60 years of age, retired, and not engaged in architecture.
- I am unable to engage in architecture.

I have been in good standing in the Institute and the Washington-Metropolitan Chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Date May 21, 19 75

Joseph H. Abel  
(Applicant's Full Signature In Ink)

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 as checked above.

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May 7, 1975

Mr. Joseph H. Abel, FAIA, Member Emeritus  
1330 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Abel:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been elected a Member Emeritus of the Institute.

The Board joins with me in expressing my great appreciation for your many years of support of the work and projects undertaken by the Institute towards creating better architecture and a better environment.

I hope your interest in the Institute and your Chapter will continue, even though you now are relieved of all dues payments.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Hilliard T. Smith, Jr., FAIA  
Secretary

cc: Washington-Metropolitan Chapter, AIA

JOSEPH H. ABEL  
Washington, D. C.

Joseph H. Abel, partner in the Washington D. C. firm of Berla & Abel, has been elevated to Fellow in The American Institute of Architects. He is honored for his work in the Science of Construction.

Mr. Abel, a member of the District of Columbia Building Code Advisory Committee, is author of Apartment Houses, a chapter on apartment houses in Forms and Functions of 20th Century Architecture and the section on apartment houses in Encyclopedia Britannica. He has designed many apartment houses, office buildings and commercial centers.

Mr. Abel is former treasurer of the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of AIA and former member of the National AIA Office Practice Committee and the Committee on Standard Accounting Methods.

He is also a member of the American Arbitration Association.

He holds his Bachelor of Architecture degree from George Washington University.



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April 15, 1968

Joseph H. Abel, AIA  
3001 Veazy Terrace - #911  
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Abel:

My warm congratulations on your election to the College of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects. We are now preparing material for the formal announcement, and find that we do not have a recent photograph of you in our files.

Would you please send two black and white, glossy prints (with negative if available) as soon as possible? We must have the photographs by April 25. If you have not returned the biographical form, we will appreciate getting it with your photo.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Grant  
Assistant Director  
Information Services

MMG/sb

*Dear Mrs. Grant - Thank you for your congratulations.  
Pictures are enclosed per your request.  
The negative is on file at the photographer.*

*Sincerely,  
Joseph H. Abel*

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AIA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Herewith information for your files....

(Mrs.) Peg Milstead  
Washington Chapter, AIA

**Joseph H. Abel,**  
 80, a Washington architect and a noted authority on apartment houses, died of cancer Nov. 28 at his home here.

Mr. Abel was born in Washington and was a lifelong resident here. He graduated from the old Central High School. He began his career as a draftsman in an architect's office and began to practice his profession before D.C. law required that architects have college degrees.

When the law was changed, he enrolled at George Washington University, from which he graduated in 1932. By then he already had assisted on a number of well-known buildings, including the Shoreham Hotel.

About 1940, Mr. Abel went into partnership with Julian Berla, with whom he formed the firm of Berla and Abel. In 1969, with the retirement of Mr. Berla, the firm became

Abel and Weinstein. Mr. Abel retired in 1974.

Buildings he designed in the course of his career include the Governor Shepherd, an apartment house and office building on Virginia Avenue NW near the State Department; the Farragut Building on Farragut Square; The Towers apartment building on Cathedral Avenue NW; the Greenleaf Gardens residential complex, which was done under the auspices of the Southwest Redevelopment Authority, and The Irene, an apartment building on Willard Avenue in Chevy Chase.

With Fred N. Severud, Mr. Abel was coauthor of a book called "Apartment Houses," which was published in 1947. He also contributed an article on apartment houses to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Mr. Abel was a fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

His wife, Dorothy, died in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie B. Abel of Washington; a son from his first marriage, Joseph H. Abel Jr. of Sun Valley, Calif.; one sister, Emma Gartner of Miami Beach; six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH H. ABEL, FAIA  
(Deceased 11/25/85)

(Member Emeritus)

12/10  
Thank you!  
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