

Dated May 8, 19 45  
Received June 11, 19 45  
Granted July 10, 19 45

MEMBERSHIP NO 3500



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

### RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

*In due order  
June 13, 1945  
J. H. Garvins*

A Name of applicant... Robert Erle Backus.....Chapter... Southern California  
B Address of applicant.... 153 North Reno Street, Los Angeles 26, California.....  
C Applicant proposed by Gordon B. Kaufmann, F.....and.... Claud Beelman.....  
D Application received with check for \$... 10.00 on..... June 11, 19 45  
E Application returned for correction..... 19 .  
F Application in due order on..... June 13, 19 45  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Calif.) June 13 19 45 Received. June 22, 1945.  
G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:  
(a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on..... July 13, 19 45, on June 13, 19 45  
(b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on..... 19..., on 19 .  
H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on..... June 13, 1945.  
I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission  
~~on that application be denied~~ received on..... June 18, 1945.  
J No report from chapter executive committee on..... 19 .  
K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on..... July 3, 19 45  
L The Board of Examiners reported on application on..... July 3, 19 45  
M Applicant WAS admitted on..... July 10, 19 45  
N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter  
to proposers on..... July 10, 19 45  
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

**Robert Erle Backus**

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Southern California Chapter.

Date July 10, 19 45

Marion C. Coleman III  
Secretary

THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



## ORIGINAL

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

File the duplicate, on yellow 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.

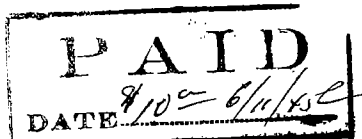
1. My full name is Robert Erle Backus .
2. I am a natural citizen of The United States of America .  
2. State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Los Angeles, ,  
County of Los Angeles State of California .
4. My address in The Institute records will be  
Number 153 Street North Reno Street  
City Los Angeles - 26 - , State California .  
4. State whether residence or office address.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Chief Architect with the firm of Holmes and Narver, Engineers. .  
5. State whether as a practicing architect, a teacher, a public official, etc.
6. I desire to be a member of the Southern California Chapter.
7. I declare that I have read the by-laws and the Principles of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, and that I understand the duties, responsibilities and obligations thereunder of a member of The Institute, and I do hereby agree and declare that, if admitted to membership, I will to the best of my ability abide by and comply with such by-laws and Principles of Professional Practice.
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its chapters or state association members.
9. I enclose my check for \$ , for admission fee and the first year's annual dues. It is my understanding that if for any reason I am not admitted to membership all of said amount will be returned to me, except five dollars which The Institute will retain as an examination fee.

Date May 8

19 45 .

Robert Erle Backus.

Applicant sign full name in ink



## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth Jan. 6, 1882      Place of birth Jamestown, New York.

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

(State or States) By Examination

(State or States) By Exemption

State of California -

(a) I hold a Certificate No. B-966 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:

Jamestown High School, Jamestown, New York.  
Cornell University - Bach. Arch.

## 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:

1909-1912 - varied experience with Carrere & Hastings, New York, John W. Woollett, Architect, Albany, N. Y., D. A. Bohlen & Son, Architects, Indianapolis, -Hospital and hotel work - Designer.

1912-1921 - State Department of Architecture, Sacramento, California, - State institution buildings and armories - Designer & draftsman.

1920 to date - certified architect State of California.

1921-1925 - George C. Sellon, Architect, Sacramento, Calif. - Schools and office building - Designer.

1925-1929 - Curlett & Beelman, Architects - Designer & draftsman - limit height office building and hotel.

1929-1931 - Claude Beelman, Architect, - limit height office buildings and factories.

1931 - Designer for Los Angeles City Playground Department on City Swimming Stadium.

1931-1936 - Varied architectural experience.

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13 - Professional Training - continued

1936-1940 - Gordon B. Kaufmann, Architect, Los Angeles, Calif. - Designer-draftsman-specifications and superintendence- Residences, theatre etc.

1940 to 1943 - Associate member of Gordon B. Kaufmann & Associates, Architects, and Gordon B. Kaufmann Associates-Architects.

At present am Chief Architect with Holmes and Narver, Consulting Engineers, processing work for the United States Navy.

## 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 as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

1908-1909 - Instructor at Cornell University School of Architecture.

1920 to 1920 - Private architectural work.

## 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 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 12 years.

I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Signed Gordon B. Kaufmann

Signed Claude Belmont

Proposer  
2800 Woodley Road, N.W.  
Address  
Washington 8, D.C.

Proposer  
1019 Union Bank  
Address  
Los Angeles 14, Calif.

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Note: The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

Robert Erle Backus, Los Angeles 26, Calif.  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
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 June 13, 1945

Alexander C. Robinson III.  
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?
3. What was the scope of the examination?  
ORAL and presentation of exhibit of drawings
4. What was the period of the examination? days. Written examination hours; Oral examination one hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards?  
If so, give Certificate No.
6. Date of last registration January 1945. Registration No. B-966 Is it current? Yes.

Jeannette Solberry  
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Date June 18 1945

California State Board of Architectural Examiners  
(Name of Board)

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

July 10, 1945

Dear Mr. Backus:

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 the Southern California Chapter, effective July 10, 1945. 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,

Alexander C. Robinson III.  
Secretary

ACR/am  
Enclosure

CC to: Proposers: Mr. Gordon B. Kaufmann, F.A.I.A.  
Mr. Claud Beelman, A.I.A.

Mr. Robert Erle Backus, A.I.A.  
153 North Reno Street  
Los Angeles 26, California

Los Angeles.  
Calif.

1 - 14 - 1948

notice of resignation was  
sent to Secretary A. F. A. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Los Angeles Chapter.

Very truly yours.

R. E. Backus.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

*Mr. M.  
Stellingma  
1947 dues paid - see attached statement just  
returned.*

January 13, 1948

Mr. R. E. Backus,  
153 No. Reno Street  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Backus:

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects wishes to acknowledge your letter of January 1st, 1948, submitting your resignation as a member of the Chapter.

Our records show that your dues have been paid through 1947 and we are therefore accepting your resignation as a member in good standing effective as of December 31st, 1947. In order to resign from the Institute I would suggest that you notify Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Director, 1741 New York Avenue, Washington D. C., at your earliest convenience.

The Executive Committee accepts your resignation with regret and hopes that should you again become active in our profession that you will apply for reinstatement.

With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

Walter L. Reichardt, Secretary.

WLR/rm

Copy Mr. E. C. Kemper  
Mr. Earl T. Heitschmidt



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


NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

To **Mr. R. E. Backus**  
**153 North Reno Street**  
**Los Angeles 26, California**

Your resignation from The Institute, dated **January 14**, 19**48**, is  
effective both in The Institute and in your chapter, as of **January 20**,  
19**48**, the date it was received by The Secretary.

The Board regrets your decision to withdraw from The Institute, and hopes that  
you will return to it soon.

Date **January 21**, 19**48**.

  
Secretary