

Beattie, Ralph O.
Los Angeles, California

1923
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Application for Membership

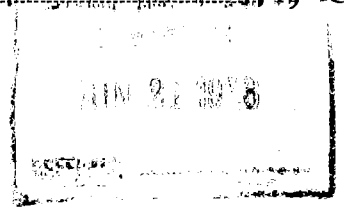
April 30, 1923

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

SIR:

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

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:



Name Ralph O. Beattie

Address 555 No. Western Ave. Los Angeles Cal.
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Nelsonville Ohio

Graduate in architecture _____
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture _____
[If required in your case, attach evidence.]

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

If an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give name of chapter Southern California Chapter

If practicing architect, firm name Ralph O. Beattie

Have been in practice Six years

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

Collegiate and office training Six years practicing architect
5 1/2 years employ of W.B. Beattie & Son Architects.

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.

Ralph O. Beattie
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date April 23, 1923
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Chas. F. Hummer Secretary.

Southern California 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.

Envelope Fee 0d. 9. 50c 6/22/23
Indication _____
Date and _____
Signature Yes not req.
Capacity _____

- (1) Chas. F. Hummer
- (2) Edwin Beatty
- (3) Frank A. [illegible]

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

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Resolution No. 558
May 7, 1923

RESOLUTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF NAME OF
APPLICANT TO LETTER BALLOT FOR
UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS: Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, having his principal place of business at 555 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., has regularly applied for MEMBERSHIP in this American Institute of Architects; and

WHEREAS: It is the sense of the Executive Committee of the Chapter that said applicant is entitled to the "unanimous endorsement" of the Chapter, as provided for in the rules of the American Institute of Architects regarding election of MEMBERS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Executive Committee of the Chapter under authority given by Section 3 of Article IV of the by-laws of the Chapter, does hereby authorize the Secretary to send to each MEMBER of the Chapter a letter ballot, returnable on or before June 11, 1923.


President


Secretary

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

TO EACH MEMBER:

The Executive Committee of the Chapter, acting under the rules of the American Institute of Architects and the authority vested in them by the By-Laws of the Chapter, recommend the "unanimous endorsement" of the following applications for Institute membership, and request that you vote thereon.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER,
The American Institute of Architects
CHARLES F. PLUMMER, Secretary.

To vote, place a cross in the "yes" or "no" column opposite the name of the candidate. Put the ballot in the plain envelope furnished. Write your name on the envelope, seal it and place in your own envelope and send it to the Secretary of the Chapter.

No exhibits of executed work are required in any case when the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of this Chapter. Unanimous endorsement is that endorsement in which each Institute member of the Chapter has had an opportunity to express himself by letter ballot, either for or against the member proposed, and upon such ballot no negative votes are received. BALLOTS must be returned to the Secretary on or before June 11, 1923.

LETTER BALLOT

"Unanimous Endorsement" of the Candidate for Institute Membership

BEATTIE, RALPH O. Yes..... No.....

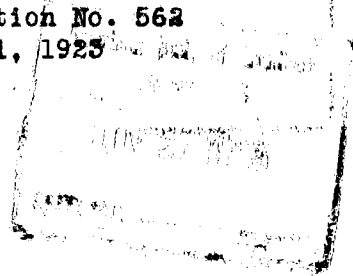
555 N. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.
Born: Nelsonville, Ohio.
Office Training: Six years practicing architect.
Endorsers: Charles F. Plummer, Edwin Bergstrom, David J. Witmer.

KOESTER, JOHN V. Yes..... No.....

1042 Leighton Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif.
Born: Philadelphia, Pa.
Office Training: Twenty years.
Endorsers: Charles F. Plummer, Edwin Bergstrom, Alfred W. Rea.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Resolution No. 562
June 11, 1925



RESOLUTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DECLARING RESULT OF LETTER BALLOT FOR
UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBER

WHEREAS: Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, having his principal place of business at 555 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., having regularly applied for membership in the American Institute of Architects, and the Executive Committee, under authority of Section 3 of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Chapter having by resolution authorized a letter ballot on such application from MEMBERS of the Chapter, and

WHEREAS: The ballots cast have been duly canvassed this day by the Executive Committee, the results of which are as follows:

Number of Votes Cast	44
Number of Votes Favorable	44
Number of Votes Unfavorable	0

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this Executive Committee does hereby authorize the Secretary of the Chapter to file the application, together with a copy of this resolution, a copy of the resolution of this Committee authorizing the letter ballot, and a copy of the letter ballot with the Secretary of the American Institute of Architects.

Samuel P. Hunt
President

Chas. F. Plummer
Secretary

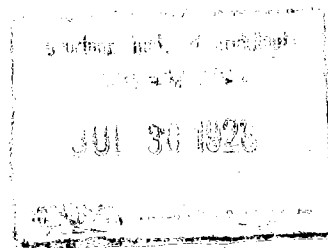
LORENTZ SCHMIDT & Co.

ARCHITECTS

516-522 FIFTH NATIONAL BANK BLDG.

WICHITA, KANSAS

July 27,
1923.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary, A.I.A.,
Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Application, Ralph O. Beattie,
Southern California Chapter.

My Dear Mr. Kemper:

In Bulletin under date of July 16th I notice the name of Ralph O. Beattie as an applicant for membership in the Southern California Chapter.

I feel it my duty to the American Institute of Architects to protest against the admittance of Mr. Beattie to the A. I. A. Mr. Beattie's conduct as an Architect in Hutchinson was a disgrace to the Architectural profession and his admittance to the Institute would be a mistake and one that would sooner or later bring grief because of his actions. If necessary, I shall be willing to make specific charges for the information of the committee.

Very truly yours,

LS:H

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

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July 30, 1923.

Schmidt.
My dear Mr. ~~Smith~~:-

Permit me to acknowledge your confidential letter of July 27th with regard to Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, who is an applicant for Institute membership in the territory of the Southern California Chapter.

The Institute intends to maintain its standards in every respect, and it would be appreciated if you would send a supplementary letter stating specifically the objections to Mr. Beattie.

We could then investigate fully and obtain reports upon which the Institute Board might act with fairness. In no case would your name be mentioned.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Lorentz Schmidt,
Fourth Natl Bank Bldg.,
Wichita, Kansas.

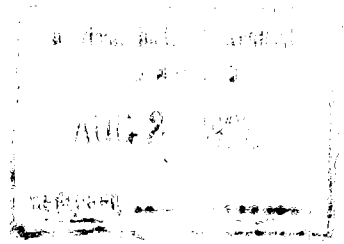
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THE KANSAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
Salina, Kansas.
July 30, 1923



Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

My attention has been called to the fact that in the July 16th Bulletin from the A.I.A., Mr. Ralph O. Beattie's name was listed as an applicant for membership in the southern California Chapter.

I would like to enter a protest against this man being admitted to membership to the A.I.A. and trust you will so record same in due form.

Yours very truly,

CWS:HB

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

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August 3, 1923.

My dear Mr. Shaver:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of July 30, which is a privileged communication against Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, applicant for Institute membership.

The Institute intends to maintain its standards in every respect, and it would be appreciated if you would send a supplementary letter stating specifically the objections to Mr. Beattie.

We could then investigate fully and obtain reports upon which the Institute Board might act with fairness. In no case would your name be mentioned.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

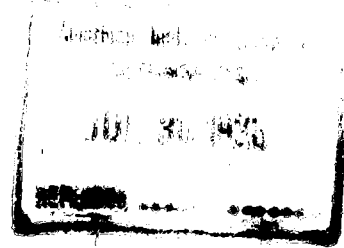
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles W. Shaver,
147 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Santa Fe Avenue,
Salina, Kansas.

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SMITH & ENGLISH
ARCHITECTS
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

July 28, 1923



Edward C. Kemper
Executive Secretary A.I.A.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The writer notices in a recent bulletin sent out by the Institute that a certain Ralph O. Beattie had petitioned the California Chapter for membership in the Institute. The writer has been personally acquainted with Mr. Beattie for a number of years and therefore feels qualified to state in a measure, at least, something of his abilities and characteristics.

I am positive that Mr. Beattie has never spent to exceed a total of three years actual time in a drafting room and had no preliminary training whatever pertaining to Architecture before taking up drafting room work. It is true that he carries credit for having designed about three school buildings in Kansas over his name, but Mr. Beattie himself, had nothing whatever to do with the designing and executing of these jobs. This work having been done by a certain R. J. Hamilton now in the employ of Lorentz Schmidt & Co, Wichita, Kansas. This refers especially to jobs constructed at, Greensburg, Kansas; Zook, Kansas, and Larned, Kansas.

Am positive that careful investigation will show without doubt, that Mr. Beattie has been very unethical, in fact, what work he has done in Kansas, was secured principally because of cutting fees and then employing other methods to equalize. Mr. Beattie left Hutchinson about the first of this year for California and investigation will further show that his financial dealings locally were very poor. For the above and other irregular conduct the writer believes that he would make a poor member of the Institute.

Very truly yours,

Smith & English

By

Harold T. English A.I.A.

HE/VF

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 6, 1923/

My dear Mr. English:-

Permit me to thank you for your interest in writing with regard to Mr. Ralph O. Beattie's application for Institute membership. A thorough investigation has been started and the applicant will not be admitted without the closest scrutiny. Your communication will be treated as confidential, except that it will go before the Board as a privileged letter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Harold T. English, Architect,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

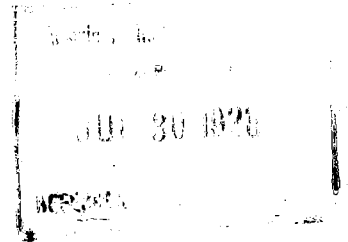
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MANN AND GEROW
ARCHITECTS

OFFICE, ROOMS 722-721 RORABAUGH-WILEY BLDG.
PHONE 2156

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

July 28th, 1923.



Mr. Edward C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The July 16th., bulletin shows the name of Ralph O. Beattie as applicant for membership in the Southern Calif., Chapter.

It is my opinion that this man Beattie is not the type of man who should be admitted into the A. I. A. During the short time that he practiced architecture in Hutchinson he contracted certain debts to merchants in this city and endeavored to leave the city without taking care of same.

I have never been able to find that he ever had any preparation or education in the architectural profession, before he hung out his "shingle", that would prepare him for his work. I have been informed that he accepted money from a contractor to whom he awarded a contract.

In view of the above facts, I believe that he should not be accepted as a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Yours very truly,

T. M. Gerow
Member Kansas Chapter A. I. A.

TMG:MB

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

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August 6, 1923.

My dear Mr. Gerow:-

Permit me to thank you for your interest in writing with regard to Mr. Ralph D. Beattie's application for Institute membership. A thorough investigation has been started and the applicant will not be admitted without the closest scrutiny. Your communication will be treated as confidential, except that it will go before the Board as a privileged letter.

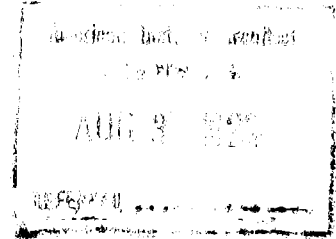
Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. T. M. Gerow,
722 Rerabaugh-Wiley Bldg.,
Hutchinson, Kansas.

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KANSAS CHAPTER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
OFFICE OF THE ~~SECRETARY~~
President.



Lawrence, Kansas,
July thirty-first, 1923

My dear Mr. Kemper,-

Ralph O. Beattie is listed as an applicant for membership in the Southern California Chapter. While I know ~~nothing~~ personally about him, I do know that the Kansas Chapter would refuse him membership, the Kansas Society of Architects did refuse him membership, and he seems to be held pretty generally in disrepute. I was recently told that he left this state owing some of his superintendents, and that before he became an architect he was considered a shady builder.

If necessary I believe I could get direct information about him from his former partner and from members of our chapter practicing in his former town of Hutchinson.

In view of his reputation I protest against his admission to membership in the Institute unless these various charges against him can be cleared.

Very truly yours,

President of the
Kansas Chapter of the
American Institute of Architects.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 7, 1923.

My dear Mr. Goldsmith:-

This will acknowledge yours of July 31 concerning Mr. Beattie.

There have been other strong objections to him and the Southern California Chapter has been fully informed and asked to make a report.

Your letter with the others, and the report of the Chapter will be most carefully considered before any action on his name - this at the November Board Meeting.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Goldwin Goldsmith, Pres., Kansas Chapter,
American Institute of Architects,
306 Marvin Hall, University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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CHAS. W. SHAVER, ARCHITECT

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MEMBER OF
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND KANSAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

IN REPLYING REFER TO

147½ S. SANTA FE

TELEPHONE 2664

FILE NO.

SALINA, KANSAS.

SUBJECT:

August 6, 1923

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Sec'y.,
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D:C.

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Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I have yours of August 3rd asking that I supplement my letter of July 30th with a more complete explanation of my objections to Mr. Beattie's being admitted to membership in the A.I.A.

Possibly I had overlooked the fact that I should have been explicit in this matter, if I entered any objection at all. I frankly admit that I have no definite instances in mind that would discredit Mr. Beattie, but my impressions have been founded merely upon his apparent reputation among the Kansas architects. I cite Mr. Lorentz Schmidt of Wichita and Mr. Harold English of Hutchinson as two Kansas members of the A.I.A. who have personally expressed themselves to me regarding Mr. Beattie. While the opinion of these two men should possibly not be mine, yet the integrity of these gentlemen is of such standing that I would not question the veracity of their remarks regarding Mr. Beattie.

Any other reports that have come to me concerning Mr. Beattie have been more indirect and are not the basis of my objection to his admittance to the A.I.A.

Sincerely yours,

CWS:HB

Chas. W. Shaver

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 13, 1923.

My dear Mr. Shaver:-

Permit me to acknowledge your
confidential letter of August 6th with regard to
Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, and to thank you for writing.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles W. Shaver,
147½ S. Santafe,
Salina, Kansas.

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WICHITA, KANSAS

August 8, 1923.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Sec'y,
American Institute of Architects,
Washington, D. C.

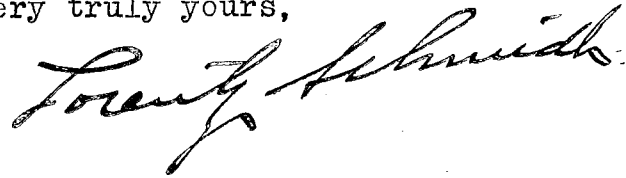
Re: Ralph O. Beattie.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Replying to your letter of July 30th regarding my specific objections to Mr. Beattie as a Member of the American Institute of Architects, wish to state that Mr. Beattie could not qualify under the requirement of professional capacity, neither could he qualify under the requirement of honorable personal and professional standing.

Mr. Beattie is incompetent: He is dishonest and not trustworthy. His conduct as an Architect in Hutchinson was a disgrace to the Profession.

Very truly yours,



LS.D

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

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August 13, 1923.

My dear Mr. Schmidt:-

Permit me to acknowledge your confidential letter of August 8th with regard to Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, and to thank you for writing.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Lorentz Schmidt,
516-522 Fourth National Bank Bldg.,
Wichita, Kansas.

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August 6, 1923.

My dear Mr. Plummer:-

With regard to the application of Mr. Ralph O. Beattie for election to membership in the Institute in the Southern California Chapter, the Secretary's office is in receipt of a privileged communication, from an Institute member, which states in substance as follows:

The applicant is by no means the kind of man who should be admitted to the Institute. When he practiced architecture in Kansas he attempted to avoid his just debts to tradespeople, and attempted to leave the State without paying them.

So far as is known the applicant has had no adequate preparation or education for the practice of architecture. It is said that he accepted money from a contractor for the award of a contract.

Mr. Beattie's application will be held up for the November Meeting of the Board and in the meantime it would be appreciated if you would send the comment of the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter on the above charges. Such report would be for the guidance of the Institute Board and would be treated as strictly confidentially.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Chas. F. Plummer,
W. P. Story Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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August 6, 1923.

My dear Mr. Plummer:-

With further reference to the application of Ralph O. Beattie for Institute membership, an Institute member in Kansas writes in substance as follows:

The writer has been personally acquainted with the applicant for a number of years. He is positive that the applicant has never spent more than three years actual time in a drafting room and that he had no preliminary training whatever to qualify him to practice architecture.

While he has credit for designing some school buildings in Kansas the actual work of designing and executing was done by others. The buildings were taken on a cut fee and other methods were employed to make up the difference. Mr. Beattie left a record of unethical dealing not only in the practice of architecture but in his every day financial transactions.

The comment of the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter would be appreciated and will be treated as confidential.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Chas. F. Plummer,
W. P. Story Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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September 22, 1923.

My dear Mr. Plummer:

There will ~~be~~ be a meeting of the Institute Board of Directors, and I take the liberty of writing again with regard to the application of Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, who if elected would be assigned to the Southern California Chapter.

A privileged communication against him was submitted to you in our letter of August 6, and the Board would much appreciate the advice of the Executive Committee of the Chapter before taking action.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Chas. F. Plummer, Secretary,
The Southern Calif. Chapter, A. I. A.,
W. P. Story Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Attached to Beattie
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SUMNER P. HUNT, PRESIDENT
A. M. EDELMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
CHAS. F. PLUMMER, SECRETARY
ALFRRO W. REA, TREASURER



DIRECTORS
C. E. NOERENBERG, ONE YEAR
D. C. ALLISON, TWO YEARS
EDWIN BERGSTROM, THREE YEARS

[Handwritten scribbles and lines]

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1108-09 W. P. STORY BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CAL.

September 26, 1923.

[Faint stamp: RECEIVED OCT 1 1923]

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 21st, inst., in regard to the application of
John V. Koester for Institute Membership:

I wrote you on September 18th in regard to applications of both Mr. Koester
and Ralph O. Beattie, which letter you have probably received.

You will note by this letter that we recommend Mr. Koester for Institute
Membership, but that the application of Mr. Beattie is held up until we get
further information.

Since writing this letter of Sept. 18th to you I have had another communication
from a bank in Hutchinson, Kansas, but it contained very little information.
Therefore, I have written the Secretary of the Kansas State Chapter asking him
to look into the matter. The two reports that I have received from Hutchinson,
Kansas, state that Mr. Beattie's financial responsibility was satisfactory as
far as his deals with the bank were concerned, but that they know nothing of
his standing as an architect. As soon as I get this information I will forward
it to you immediately.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature: Chas. F. Plummer]

Secretary.

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EXTRACT FROM MR. PLUMMER'S LETTER OF 9-18-23
giving report on John V. Koester,--and also
commenting on R. O. Beattie-as follows--
Full report on Beattie forthcoming
from Mr. Plummer.

"I have been in touch with the First National Bank of Hutchin-
son, Kansas, and have received a report that Mr. Beattie did business
with them for a short time as a depositor and that during that time
they arranged a small loan for him, which he took care of promptly.
Outside of that they were not able to give me any information on his
ability as an architect, or to his standing in the community as a man.
However, I have written to another party and expect to get further in-
formation which I will send on immediately on receipt of same."

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 26, 1923.

My dear Mr. Plummer:-

With further reference to the application of Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, and his proposed assignment to the Southern California Chapter in the event of election, I beg to advise that the matter came up at the recent Board Meeting where it was directed that a brief summary of the various privileged communications against the applicant be sent to the Southern California Chapter for report.

Objections against Mr. Beattie have been received from Institute members, and these are quite briefly summarized below:

(1) Applicant has a most undesirable reputation among the architects who know him.

(2) Applicant has been personally known to the objector for a number of years. He has no preliminary training whatever pertaining to architecture except a few years in the drafting room. Work credited to the applicant was really designed by other people. Applicant has been very unethical in cutting fees and then employing other methods to equalize. His financial dealings locally were unsavory; and for these and other reasons, the objector objects.

(3) The applicant is not the type who should be admitted to the Institute. He endeavored to evade his obligations to merchants and others in Hutchinson. He is not adequately educated, and is said to have accepted money from a contractor to whom he awarded a contract.

(4) The applicant could not possibly obtain admission to the Kansas City Chapter, and he was refused membership by the Kansas Society of Architects because of his disreputable reputation. Before becoming an architect, he was considered a shady builder. In view of his general reputation, he should not be admitted.

(5) The applicant could not qualify under the requirements of professional capacity, and neither could he qualify under the requirements of honorable personal and professional standing. He is dishonest, incompetent and untrustworthy. His conduct as an architect in Hutchinson was a disgrace to the profession.

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Outside of the above, we have no information concerning the applicant. The case has been scheduled for final action at the Executive Meeting early in February, by which time we hope to have the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern California Chapter. It will be treated as strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles F. Plummer, Secretary,
Southern California Chapter, A. I. A.,
W. P. Story Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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February 27, 1924.

Mr. Charles F. Plummer, Former Secretary,
Southern California Chapter, A.I.A.,
W. P. Story Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

Please telegraph me care of Charles A. Favret Hibernia Building New Orleans Louisiana not later than March Fourth Chapter's verdict on application of Ralph O. Beattie. See our letter November Twentysixth. This case ought not to be kept pending any longer and telegraphic advice from Chapter would aid Institute Executive Committee in making final disposition of case.

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CHAPTER HAS INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY BY CORRESPONDENCE ALL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST RALPH O BEATTIE AND CAN FIND NO BASIS FOR EXCLUSION FROM INSTITUTE WHATSOEVER STOP ALLEGATIONS SEEM TO BE MADE ONLY BECAUSE OF PERSONAL SPITE STOP THEREFORE UPON REQUEST OF THE CHAPTER AS DIRECTOR I HOPE FAVORABLE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON ELECTION OF MR RALPH O BEATTIE TO THE INSTITUTE

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March 25, 1924.

My dear Mr. Beattie:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to Membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 4, 1924.

You have been assigned to the Southern California Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement covering dues for the last three quarters of the current year should receive your early attention.

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. Ralph O. Beattie,
555 No. Western Avenue,
Los Angeles, California.

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My dear Kemper,-

Ralph O. Beattie is in the Annuary as a member of the Southern California chapter.

The Kansas Chapter, by means of letters from Lorentz Schmidt and myself as president, and perhaps others, protested violently against his acceptance.

The Board did not ask for further information from us and we assumed that our statements as to his qualifications and character had been sufficient to keep him from membership. Now we find he is in.

The man was a crooked builder, too crooked to succeed. He joined with a former clerk of the school board of Hutchinson (previously a barber) and they became architects. He was too crooked for his partner and they separated, Beattie leaving town, I am told, owing money. I have heard that since going to California he went through bankruptcy proceedings to clear himself, probably in order to get into the Institute.

Kansas is disgusted. We are guilty of violating the code of ethics and so are not properly fit for Institute membership, and this man who is utterly unqualified in either skill or character, a man Kansas chapter utterly repudiates as an architect and would not for a moment consider as a member, becomes a member of the Institute in good standing, over our protests.

Do the minutes of past Board meetings show any reason why he should have been elected in spite of our protests and without further consultation with the president of the Kansas chapter?

Yours,

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November 26, 1926

Dear Mr. Goldsmith:

This is the first opportunity to respond to yours of the 17th concerning the case of Ralph O. Beattie. He was elected after long consideration by the Board, and after complete reports from the Southern California Chapter. They highly endorsed him and urged that he be elected. The entire correspondence in the Beattie case, including letters from members of the Kansas Chapter, came before the Board with his application at the time of his election.

Am so pressed with Board schedule work that I am not writing at length, but will have all the correspondence in this case here, should you wish to look it over in Washington.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Goldwin Goldsmith,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

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February 7, 1929

Dear Mr. Beattie:

It is with regret that we write to advise you of the termination of your membership in the American Institute of Architects, and in the Southern California Chapter, effective December 31, 1928.

This action results from the operation of the By-Laws of the Institute which, in 1928, required that the membership of the member who owed for more than one year be terminated, after due notice.

The By-Laws now in effect - as changed at the last Convention - give but one year for the payment of dues, because the Institute has found that it cannot carry on its activities without prompt payment by every member.

If you will permit, we wish to say that the Treasurer, and the Officers of the Institute exceedingly regret to lose your membership for financial reasons. They hope that at some future date you will reconsider, and decide to again affiliate with the American Institute of Architects and the Chapter in your community.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ralph O. Beattie,
4516 Saturn St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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December 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Beattie:

Responding to your letter of December 10, we are glad to learn that you are interested in again becoming a member of The Institute.

From our records we find that your membership lapsed on December 31, 1928, at which time you owed \$37.50 for Institute dues for one-half of 1927 and 1928. There may also be outstanding indebtedness for chapter dues.

Before an application for readmission may be acted upon, any indebtedness for Institute and chapter dues should be paid in full.

Readmission procedure is simple. All that is necessary is a letter addressed to The Secretary of The Institute requesting readmission, and stating that you are a registered, practicing architect, and enclosing check for back dues, plus \$30.00 - \$5.00 of which is for the readmission fee and \$25.00 for one year's Institute dues in advance.

Further procedure is then taken care of by this office.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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Mr. Ralph O. Beattie, Architect
4282 Elmer Avenue
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