

Beecher, Wm. Gordon  
Baltimore Chapter

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### Application for Membership

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1920

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 William Gordon Beecher

Address 763 Calvert Bldg. Baltimore Maryland  
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Baltimore Maryland March 13<sup>th</sup> 1877

Graduate in architecture no  
[If required in your case, give name of institutions and year.—Attach evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture no  
[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 Ecole des Beaux Arts. no  
[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 Baltimore Chapter

If practicing architect, firm name Smith + May and Wm Gordon Beecher Associates

Have been in practice 1904 - 1907 - 3 1/2 years Six months under present association  
(under firm name of Beecher, Fritz + Grogg)

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

Collegiate and office training Office training 2.5 years

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.

Wm Gordon Beecher  
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920  
[Insert date of election to chapter.]

Augustus N. Fowler Secretary.

Baltimore 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.

The signer of this application has received the unanimous endorsement of his Chapter  
Augustus N. Fowler  
Secretary

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

[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. No other form of unanimous endorsement will be accepted.]

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March 10, 1921.

My dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 10, 1921.

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

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first quarter of the current year.

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.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William Gordon Beecher,  
Calvert Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

K-P.  
Enclosure.

January 30, 1928

My dear Mr. Beecher:

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute your name appeared on the list of delinquent members who are indebted for Institute dues for more than one year - as of December, 1927.

The Board took action on the list as a whole to the effect that those not making payment in full, or some arrangement with the Treasurer as to future payment - before February 15, 1928 - must lose their memberships.

As Secretary of the Institute and because the Institute needs your moral support, as evidenced by your membership, I ask the privilege of addressing you this letter on a somewhat personal basis.

It is a serious thing to forego your membership in the Institute, and in your Chapter. Termination of Institute membership automatically terminates Chapter membership.

It is a serious thing for the Institute and the Chapter to lose a member who, in the beginning, was enthusiastic about both and determined to make his contribution to the cause of the architectural profession.

If you will make a special effort and send to the Treasurer, at The Octagon, a check for at least the indebtedness of one full year, it will permit us to carry your membership during 1928. If 1928 is as good as it promises to be the future should take care of itself.

Will you not let me hear from you, personally if you prefer, at your early convenience - and certainly by February 15th.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William Gordon Beecher,  
12 East Pleasant St.,  
Baltimore, Md.

Secretary

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The Board of Directors has been informed of the receipt of your letter of October 10, 1931, and the Board has taken action on the same.

October 10, 1931

Dear Mr. Loomis:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 8th, and thank you very much for the copies of minutes of the last two meetings of the Baltimore Chapter.

At this time we are responding only to that portion of your letter which relates to the membership status of Messrs. William Gordon Beecher and H. S. Olin. The remainder of your letter will be answered as soon as possible.

William Gordon Beecher. He is still carried on the membership rolls of the Institute, although he is indebted for dues for the years 1929, 1930, and 1931, in the sum of \$75.00. At the request of Mr. Penhagen, as President of the Baltimore Chapter, Mr. Beecher's case was given special consideration and action withheld until the close of the year. However, the subject of these delinquents will come before the Board of Directors at its meeting to be held commencing November 19th, at Louisville, Ky., when it will be decided as to just what course will be followed.

H. S. Olin. Last June we were in communication with Mr. Higgin Buckler, with regard to the case of Mr. Olin. He explained to us that Mr. Olin had been incapacitated since his last attack of illness in November, 1929, and asked if he could be placed on the retired list, or his dues suspended during illness. Mr. Olin's dues for 1931 were paid promptly, so, of course, no action was considered necessary at that time.

In responding to Mr. Buckler we forwarded an extract from the By-laws outlining the conditions under which special action may be taken with regard to placing members on the retired list, and that the Board sometimes takes special action in remitting the dues of a member was explained to him. Such action is based upon the merits of each individual case, and if the Baltimore Chapter wishes to make some recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration, we would be glad to hear from you, before November 10th, at which time the Agenda will be prepared for the consideration of the Board.

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October 20, 1951.

Dear Mr. Beecher:

As you know, the Institute is most hopeful that you will maintain your professional society affiliations, both with the national organization and with the Baltimore Chapter.

Your indebtedness for Institute dues at the present time is \$75, including the current year.

At the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors, on November 19th, some action must be taken with respect to those delinquents who are indebted for a long period.

This letter is an informal one, to remind you of the situation, and to express the very earnest hope that you can send a check for at least \$25 by November 15th, thus permitting the Board to hold your membership in both the Institute and the Chapter for at least another year.

Please do the best you can to make the suggested payment on account.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Wm. Gordon Beecher, A.I.A.,  
Baltimore Chapter,  
12 East Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

FCB:B  
cc- President Baltimore Chapter  
Secretary " "  
Regional Director,  
Middle Atlantic Division

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
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*Mr. Lewis  
Please note  
Noted 2/1/52*

November 18, 1951.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This will acknowledge your letter of November 11th,  
with regard to the pending case of unprofessional conduct against  
Mr. W. Gordon Beecher.

Under the circumstances, and under the established pro-  
cedure of the Institute, no action will be taken by the Institute  
upon terminating the membership of Mr. Beecher, and his member-  
ship in the Institute and Baltimore Chapter will be retained  
until the case against him is finally disposed of.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. C. D. Lewis, Secretary,  
Baltimore Chapter, A. I. A.,  
12 East Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

ECK:8

Baltimore Chapter

December 31st 1931

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,  
The American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon, 1741 New York Ave. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

I suppose it is unnecessary for me to report in this matter as Mr. Sinkler has doubtless already done so, but as a Chapter matter this will inform you that the charges placed against Mr. W. Gordon Beecher have been dismissed by the Committee on Practice, and the matter is now closed. If we can now get the membership standing of this gentleman on a regular footing we can feel employ rewarded for our efforts.

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Very truly yours,

(S) C. D. LOOMIS

Secretary.

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December 31, 1933.

Dear Mr. Beecher:

We send the enclosed bill for Institute dues for the year 1934, with an explanatory letter from the President, so that you can see just what is proposed by the Board of Directors with respect to a reduction in dues for the year 1934, and readjustment of outstanding dues for the three-year period, 1931-1933.

As you will note, the proposed readjustment with respect to outstanding dues applies back as far as 1931. It does not apply to unpaid dues for the year 1930.

On the record at The Octagon it appears that your indebtedness for 1930 is \$25, and in addition \$75 for the years 1931, 1932, and 1933.

The Officers of the Institute do not wish to lose your affiliation and your moral support at this critical stage of affairs.

They, therefore, express the hope that you will send a check covering the outstanding account for 1930 and thereby be in position to take advantage of the Board's proposal. Such action would reduce the charge against you to \$15 for the year 1934, plus \$5 a year until \$25 has been paid for the period 1931-1933.

The above is on the presumption that the Convention will approve the proposals outlined.

If we do not hear from you by January 30, we will presume that you wish your Institute membership terminated for non-payment of dues, effective December 31, 1933. We sincerely hope that such will not prove to be the case.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. G. Beecher, A. I. A.,  
12 East Pleasant Street,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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cc- Messrs. Nolting

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER



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September 10, 1934

Dear Mr. Beecher:

This is the first opportunity to write to you with regard to the continuation of your Institute and Chapter membership.

You will recall previous correspondence, with reference to your old account for Institute dues. That account, exclusive of dues for 1930, under the new plan for adjusting dues for 1931-1933, and under the reduction of 1934 dues to \$15.00, is as follows:

1931-1933.....	\$25.00
1934.....	\$15.00
	<u>\$40.00.</u>

Full information is shown on the marked reprint enclosed herewith.

The Treasurer states that he will recommend to the Board that any outstanding dues for 1930, or prior, be entirely remitted.

Your membership in the Institute and the Baltimore Chapter can be maintained by a whole or part payment as set out in the reprint.

We hope that it will be possible for you to send a check on account, or in full, and thereby continue your support of the Institute and the profession during this critical period.

We ask that you respond definitely in this matter not later than November 15th, in order that some final action may be taken by the Board at its meeting shortly after that date.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

W:C  
Encl.

COPIES TO: Mr. William G. Beecher  
Regional Director  
12 E. Philadelphia  
Baltimore  
President Baltimore Chapter  
Secretary Baltimore Chapter

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April 17, 1935

Dear Mr. Beecher:

At the March, 1935, meeting of the Executive Committee, your membership in the Institute and the Baltimore Chapter was discontinued for the non-payment of Institute dues, effective December 31, 1934.

The Committee expressed regret at the necessity for taking such action, and it is hoped that when conditions in the architectural profession improve, you will apply for reinstatement to membership.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been advised accordingly.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:G

Mr. William G. Beecher  
12 East Pleasant Street  
Baltimore, Maryland