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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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

SIR:

I hereby apply for Membership in the American Institute of Architects under Class [A, B, C, or D].

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name John V. Bennes -

Address 1040 Chamber of Commerce

Place and date of birth Peru, Illinois -

Graduate in architecture Prague University - Bohemia -
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture Class - 1890 -
[Give name and year.]

Passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or the examinations for the first class of the Ecole des Beaux Arts. -
[State which, and year.—Evidence of Certificate to be submitted with application.]

If practicing architect, firm name John V. Bennes -

Have been in practice Twenty five - years

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

Collegiate and office training -

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.

John V. Bennes -
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of Oregon
Chapter, A. I. A.

J. J. Anthony
Pres

W. C. Knighton
Secretary.

Oregon
Chapter, A. I. A.
[To be omitted when the applicant does not reside in the territory of a Chapter.]

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 signatures of three Institute members are here required. In the case of "official endorsement" of candidates by a Chapter, the signatures of its officers only shall be here required.]

November 29, 1916.

My dear Mr. Bennes:

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects.

It is noted that you have received the unanimous endorsement of your Chapter, and therefore it is not customary to require the submission of exhibits.

This application will come before the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Institute, and after that date we shall be pleased to advise you further.

A remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary examination fee should be sent at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John V. Bennes,
1040 Chamber of Commerce,
Portland, Oreg.

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LEWIS IRVINE THOMPSON, A.A.I.A.
ARCHITECT

PORTLAND, OREGON
CENTRAL BUILDING

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My dear Mr. Kempler:

Your communication addressed to members of the Institute on December second, is at hand and I am very pleased to note that a number of representative Portland architects have made their application for national membership. However, I note the name of one contemporary architect whom I do not feel in justice to the Institute and what it stands for, should become a member of this body.

The proof of this could readily be determined by an investigation, and I would suggest that you hold up the name of Mr. John V. Bennes and authorize the Chapter to make sufficient and close inquiry into this application to ascertain the qualifications of the applicant. This issue being raised upon this man's eligi-

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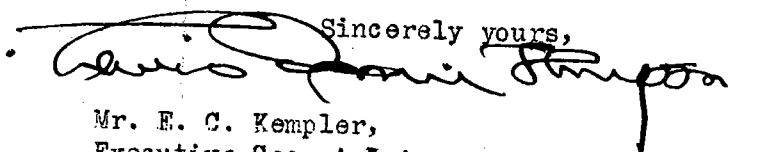
bility to become a member, I, therefore, suggest that it would be advisable to have a unanimous vote of the Oregon Chapter as there are some members who feel likewise about this applicant.

I would further suggest that the name of the writer not be divulged to any member of the Chapter in the communication as this matter is not one of personal prejudice but is purely for the betterment of the Institute and profession.

If this matter does not come under your jurisdiction, I would appreciate your placing this correspondence in the hands of the proper official. Since I have brought this matter to your attention, I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of the correspondence between your office and the Chapter relative to this matter.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,



Mr. E. C. Kempner,
Executive Sec. A.I.A.,
The Octagon, Washington, D.C.
December Twelfth,
Nineteen sixteen.

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December 19, 1916.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 12 concerning the application of Mr. J. V. Bennes, who was unanimously endorsed by the Oregon Chapter for advancement to Institute membership.

Final action on his name will be delayed until the January meeting of the Board of Directors.

In the meantime, it would be appreciated if you would send for the use of the Secretary, definite information as to your objections to Mr. Bennes. Such a communication is customarily requested from those who object, and is of course treated as confidential.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Lewis Irvine Thompson,
Central Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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My dear Mr. Kemper:

Your letter of December 19th at hand in regard to the application of J. V. Bennes, and your statement that he was unanimously indorsed by the Oregon Chapter. This is absolutely not the case, for if this matter had come up before an open meeting, action would have been taken upon his name by the usual method of balloting by letter, which we understood was to have been the custom for applicants. However, he received only the endorsement of the President and Secretary without the knowledge of many other members. I myself inquired who they were to be and was given an evasive answer. Therefore I am taking the liberty at this time of placing before you in an abstract way a few of the reasons why this man should not be endorsed for more honored membership while in the past has not been able to live up to the proper standards.

It is common knowledge of his implication with a certain plumbing representative and excludes all competition for his clients on plumbing fixtures by having specified certain fictitious numbers making all contractors figure a very much higher rate for an inferior product. I believe one special case of

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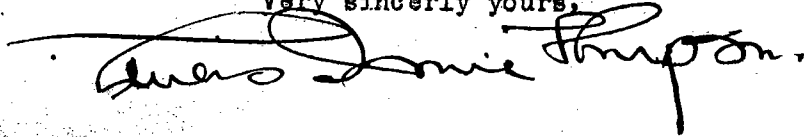
of this kind was challenged by the owner of the Madras Hotel in this city and after considerable controversy it was necessary to change the fixtures.

Mr. Bennes has also been accepting and obtaining certain public work through the sole means of cutting his commissions. It has been his practice to go to any end to secure the work no matter whether it threw aside professional ethics, honesty and decency.

Other members of this Chapter feel likewise that this man should not be honored considering his past record as if men of this caliber are taken into the Institute, it will not be long considered an honor to belong.

I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,



To Mr. E. C. Kemper,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, Washington, D. C./
December twenty-sixth,
Nineteen sixteen.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*Two original letters
to Wilson
2-9-17*

January 3, 1917.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of December 26 with regard to the application of Mr. J. V. Bennes.

This will be treated as confidential and will come before the Board of Directors for careful consideration at the meeting in the latter part of the month.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Lewis Irvine Thompson,
Central Bldg.,
Portland, Oreg.

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February 9th-1917.

Dear Mr. Willcox:-

We have scheduled for the Executive Committee meeting in May your report on the application of Mr. John V. Bennes (See page 26 of the Minutes).

I enclose herewith two letters from the protestant, one dated December 26th and the other December 12th.

Please return for our files in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox,
400 Boston Block,
Seattle, Washington

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15--February--1917

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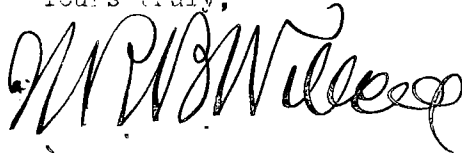
Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Yours of the ninth at hand. I have taken up the matter of Mr. Bennes' application for membership in the Institute and have obtained certain information from Portland, but will carry the business further before reporting upon it.

I notice that Mr. Thompson requests copies of the correspondence between the Institute office and the Oregon Chapter. What actuates him, I wonder? I suppose the Chapter correspondence is available to any of its members and, hence, why supply him with copies? It is amusing to think that, possibly, he desires to keep his eagle eye upon the sincerity of the Institute officials as well as members of his own Chapter.

As soon as I have gone a bit more into the case, I shall send you an account of things.

Yours truly,



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19--March--1917

E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary,
American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon, WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAR 28 1917

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

In the case of the application for membership of Mr. Bennes of the Oregon Chapter, objected to by Mr. Lewis Irvine Thompson, will you please send me from your records the following information:

With respect to Mr. Bennes--

Date of receipt of his application? I understand that he is of the impression that the reason his name was not acted upon favorably at the time of the four other Portland men who applied for membership at practically the same time, is that he inadvertently delayed sending in his application with the \$5. examination fee. Did his application come at the same time as the others and all in good order?

With respect to Mr. Thompson--

Date of receipt of his application for membership to Institute?
All dates of action by Executive Committee or Board?
Date inscribed upon his notification of election? (certificate)
Date when notification was sent him?
Was notification of his election sent, also, to the Secretary of the Portland Chapter, and if so, date of same?

You remember Mr. Thompson questioned the regularity of the action of the Chapter's President and Secretary in endorsing applicant without proper consideration by the Chapter members. I find some confusion in the data I have been able to obtain with respect to that matter and I would like to check it with your records.

Yours truly,

P. S. I have the records as set forth in the various minutes, but I would like any additional information you can give me.

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March 27-1917

Dear Mr. Willcox:-

Responding to your letter of March 19th, I find that Mr. Bennes' application was dated November 10th, 1916, and received by us on November 27th.

It came before the December¹⁹¹⁶ meeting with four other applications from the Oregon Chapter, and all five were with unanimous endorsement.

But each was elected subject to the receipt of no unfavorable privileged communications, and prior to the expiration of the thirty days (January 2nd, 1917) a privileged communication concerning Mr. Bennes was received from Mr. Thompson.

At the next Board meeting, January, the two letters from Mr. Thompson were read, and the case left in your hands for report at the May meeting.

With respect to Mr. Thompson, his application was dated June 6th 1916, and received June 22nd, 1916. It came up at the meeting of the Executive Committee on October 14th, 1916, after passing the Board of Examiners in connection with the customary exhibits.

He was elected to Institute membership, effective October 14th, 1916, and this is the date which should appear upon his certificate of election. Notification was sent to him on October 24th, 1916, and a certificate shortly thereafter. We customarily send to the Chapter Secretary a copy of the letter of notification to the successful applicant. It is not definitely stated in our records that this was done in the case of Mr. Thompson, but his election was announced in the December 1916 issue of the Journal, page 528.

Hoping that this will be of some help and that you will call for any further information that we should have, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. W. R. B. Willcox,
400 Boston Block,
Seattle, Washington

Executive Secretary.

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28--April--1917

Executive Committee of the
Board of Directors,
American Institute of Architects,

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report as follows upon the case of Mr. Bennes of Portland, Oregon, whose application for membership of the Institute is held in abeyance:

Since I expected to be in Portland early in March, I wrote Mr. Thompson, the protestant, that I should be glad to see him and obtain first hand all the information he could give me about the case. Since he had raised the question of the fairness of the "unanimous endorsement", I asked that he have the Chapter records governing such action.

Mr. Thompson replied that he was sorry he would not be in town that day until after six o'clock, that he did not want to approach the Secretary for records since he did not want to be known in the matter.

Following
With the hopes of meeting Mr. Thompson I remained in Portland until the afternoon of the day mentioned and could reach him by phone neither the evening he had said he would return, nor the next day--his office reported him away.

But I obtained copies of the Chapter records pertaining to the "unanimous endorsement" business and interviewed a dozen members of the Chapter as to Mr. Bennes.

The records show that the Chapter voted to have the president and secretary endorse the application of any non-Institute member of the Chapter who would submit the same. At two meetings such action was taken and the Secretary was urged to encourage the presentation of such applications. In the mind of the Chapter they were voting "unanimous endorsement" and leaving to the President and Secretary the perfunctory duty of making endorsement. Mr. Bennes made application under that action.

I wrote Mr. Thompson asking if, in the circumstances, which I detailed to him, he did not think that good faith, at least, was in evidence, but I have received no reply.

As for Mr. Bennes, I had satisfactory accounts of him as a man and nothing but hearsay of an adverse sort. His clients employ him over and over again and that is a fair sign of a man's honorable dealings. I could not vote to exclude him from the Institute upon anything I learned about him.

Certain sidelights upon the situation are interesting. Mr. Thompson was particular that he be not known as the protestant. I discovered at once that everybody knew that he had complained and all about the case. I was especially careful to conceal the name of the protestant and the general information upon the case made my efforts seem ridiculous, but I persisted in regarding the secrecy of his privileged communication. One man told me that Mr. Thompson had told him all about it.

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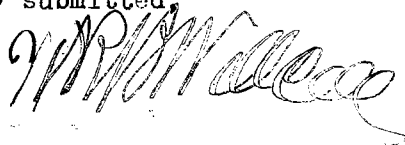
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Furthermore, I learned that Mr. Thompson's father had bought an interest for his son, the protestant, in the firm of which Mr. Bennes was a member. At the end of a year, I believe, the arrangement terminated, and a notion seems to prevail that their business venture did not work well. The prosperous father of the younger man was to get business for the firm, but did not, so it is said.

Incidentally, I came upon evidence of practice of Mr. Thompson which has, in my judgement, an aggressive quality which if persisted in will be sure to breed trouble in that Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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August 17, 1917.

My dear Mr. Bennes:

Before advising you finally concerning your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, it is required that we have a remittance of \$5.00 to cover the preliminary examination fee.

Please send this at your early convenience and oblige,

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. V. Bennes,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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Faint typed address:
Mr. J. V. Bennes,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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October 3, 1917.

My dear Mr. Bernes:

We would like very much to advise you finally concerning your application for membership in the American Institute of Architects, but owing to rather strict rule of procedure, we should first receive the preliminary examination fee of \$5.00.

I am sure this has escaped your attention, and if you will send it we will forward the proper notification.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. J. V. Bernes,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS

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1021-23 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING
PORTLAND, OREGON

FRED S. ALLYN
ORMOND R. BEAN

Portland, Oregon
December 10th, 1920
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Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

In looking around for new members to the Institute, I discovered that John Bennes made application for membership back in 1917, but for some reason did not remit his five dollars. I am enclosing his check for five dollars herewith, also the correspondence he had with you at that time and assume that this will be sufficient to gain his admission to the Institute.

Yours very truly,

W. G. Holford

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*Miss M.-
What to do about
records show?
Was he blank-backed?
E.C.K.
Withdrawn 11/17.*

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December 23, 1920.

My dear Mr. Holford:

A reply to your letter of the 10th, with regard to Mr. Bennes, has been delayed while we have endeavored to complete the record as it stands here. I find that after some delay Mr. Bennes was elected as a member of the Institute by formal vote, effective May 18, 1917. It further appears that he did not remit the preliminary fee of \$5.00 and that his membership was not completed for that reason.

The check mentioned as enclosed in your letter was apparently omitted as it was not found.

In order that this case may be handled in the best form, I suggest that Mr. Bennes write a letter to the Secretary of the Institute, enclosing his preliminary fee of \$5.00 and requesting that his membership be revived. The initiation fee has recently been reduced from \$20.00 to \$5.00 "until the time of the May Convention" and I see no reason why he should not have the benefit of this reduction.

Upon the receipt of such a letter and check a referendum vote of the Committee could be secured in January, when many new applications will be acted upon.

Trusting that we may hear further from you, or from Mr. Bennes, as along the lines indicated above, I am

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm. G. Holford,
1021 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Ore.

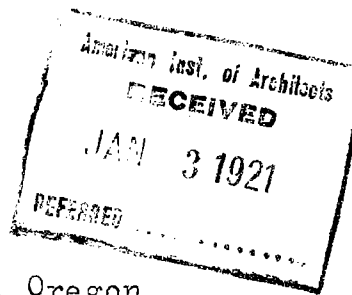
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ORMOND R. BEAN



Portland, Oregon
December 29th, 1920

Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst., in regard to the membership of Mr. Bennes. Mr. Bennes has asked me to request that his membership be revived, and I am enclosing herewith Mr. Bennes' check for \$5.00 to replace the check which was apparently omitted from my previous letter.

Trusting that the matter of Mr. Bennes' election to the Institute will be secured in January, I am,

Yours very truly,

WGH:L

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January 6, 1921.

Dear Mr. Holford:

Yours of the 29th with regard to Mr. Bennes was received on January 3.

We have sent a referendum on reviving the application and I also enclose copy of letter to the Secretary of the Oregon Chapter, which is sent as a matter of routine. We will advise you as soon as this matter is complete; also Mr. Bennes.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Wm. G. Holford,
1021 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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January 6, 1921.

To Each Member of the Executive Committee:

In December, 1916, the application of Mr. J. W. Bennes of the Oregon Chapter was received, with the unanimous endorsement of the Chapter.

There was a privileged communication against him which was investigated and reported at the Executive Meeting of May, 1917. The objection was found not valid. Mr. Bennes was elected an Institute member, effective May 18, 1917. But Mr. Bennes failed to qualify because he did not pay the preliminary fee of \$5.00---he perhaps having heard something of the objection raised.

We are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. G. Holford, Chairman of the Oregon Chapter Committee on Institute Membership, transmitting the request of Mr. Bennes that his membership be revived, and a check covering the preliminary fee. The vote of the Executive Committee is requested on reviving the membership of Mr. Bennes, effective January 1, 1920, on the understanding that the Oregon Chapter also gives its formal approval.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

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January 6, 1921.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I enclose herewith for your confidential information copy of a referendum sent to the Executive Committee of the Institute on reviving the application of Mr. Bennes.

Please transmit the formal approval of the Executive Committee of the Oregon Chapter for our records in order that there may be no possibility of any misunderstanding.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Folger Johnson,
422 U. S. Bank Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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Mr. Parker

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Very truly yours,

E. C. Cooper
Executive Secretary.

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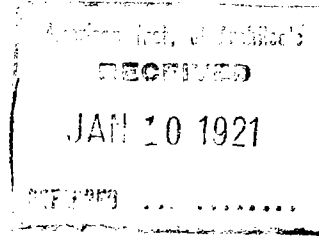
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Handwritten initials 'MK' and a signature 'Mr. Waid'.

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We are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. G. Halford, Chairman of the Oregon Chapter Committee on Institute Membership, transmitting the request of Mr. Bennes that his membership be revived, and a check covering the preliminary fee. The vote of the Executive Committee is requested on reviving the membership of Mr. Bennes, effective January 1, 1920, on the understanding that the Oregon Chapter also gives its formal approval.

Very truly yours,

W. G. Halford
Executive Secretary.

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We are now in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. G. Holford, Chairman of the Oregon Chapter Committee on Institute Membership, transmitting the request of Mr. Bennes that his membership be revived, and a check covering the preliminary fee. The vote of the Executive Committee is requested on reviving the membership of Mr. Bennes, effective January 1, 1920, on the understanding that the Oregon Chapter also gives its formal approval.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Kump
Executive Secretary.

*Jan 7, 1921.
OK approved
Albert S. Kahn*

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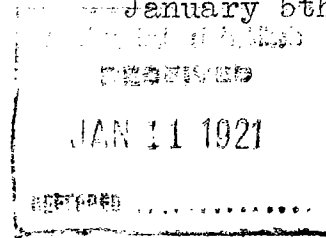
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PORTLAND, OREGON

FRED S. ALLYN
ORMOND R. BEAN

Portland, Oregon
January 5th, 1921



Mr. E. C. Kemper
The Octagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:-

Enclosed please find Mr. Bennes' original check which has been paid through the Riggs National Bank. Kindly return the second check, or if it has gone through, remit the amount of same, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

W. G. Holford

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PORTLAND, ORE.,

Dec - 9 - 1920 No. 134

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK 24-11
OF PORTLAND OREGON

PAY TO THE ORDER OF

The American Institute of Architects \$ *500*

Five 100

100
DOLLARS

W. V. Bennes

MAURAN, RUSSELL & CROWELL,
ARCHITECTS,
CHEMICAL BUILDING,
ST. LOUIS.

JOHN LAWRENCE MAURAN F.A.I.A.
ERNEST JOHN RUSSELL F.A.I.A.
WILLIAM DE FORREST CROWELL A.I.A.

WILLIAM F. WISCHMEYER
W. OSCAR MULLGARDT A.I.A.
ASSOCIATED

January 11th, 1921.

E. C. Kemper Esq.,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:-

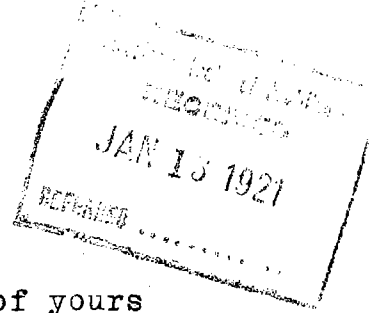
Receipt is acknowledged of yours
of the 6th instant.

I vote to revive the membership of
Mr. J.W. Bennes, to be effective as of January
1st, 1921.

Yours truly,



ⓐJR/DP.



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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 12, 1921.

Dear Mr. Holford:-

This will acknowledge yours of January 5,
enclosing cancelled check of Mr. Bennes, covering his pre-
liminary fee. We will return in due course his check of
December 29, covering this item.

We are prepared to advise him concerning
his reinstatement as soon as we hear from Mr. Johnson,
Secretary of the Oregon Chapter to whom we have written asking
for the formal approval of the Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. William G. Holford,
1021 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

K-P.



W. C. KNIGHTON, President
 JOHN V. BENNES, Vice-President
 FOLGER JOHNSON, Secretary

OREGON CHAPTER
 OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
 PORTLAND, OREGON

1. F. BEAN, Treasurer
 JAMES H. LAWRENCE, Director
 JOHN V. BENNES, Secretary

January 10, 1921.

Mr. E. C. Kemper
 Executive Sec. A. I. A.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that the Executive Committee of the Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects formally approves the application of Mr. John V. Bennes for membership in the Institute as witnessed below by the signatures of its members.

Since no valid objections were raised to Mr. Bennes's application at the time it was originally made in 1916 it is not now deemed necessary to call for further privileged communications.

Very truly yours,

Ore. Chapter A. I. A.

Folger Johnson
 Sec'y.

The Executive Committee consists of:

W. C. Knighton

W. C. Knighton Pres.

Folger Johnson

Folger Johnson Sec'y.

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please unbind
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Bennes

January 17, 1921.

My dear Mr. Bennes:

This will advise you of the action of the Executive Committee of the Institute ⁱⁿ reviving your membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective January 1, 1921. It will also advise you of your assignment to the Oregon Chapter of the Institute, as an Institute member in good standing therein.

Your recent check No. 153, in the sum of \$5.00 is returned herewith as you paid your preliminary fee on December 9, 1920. No charge is made for the balance of the initiation fee, \$15.00, since the fee has been remitted to that extent until the time of the Convention in May.

Assuring you of the cooperation of the Secretary's office in Institute or other matters, should occasion arise, I am

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John V. Bennes,
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon.

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Copy to Mr. Holford,
Copy to Mr. Johnson
Copy to Mr. Knighton.

Enclosure

COPY TO

FILES PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

(COPY)

February 1, 1926.

TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Wm. B. Ittner, Treasurer

DR.

Annual Dues of Fellows and Members, \$20.00—if paid on or before January 31st.
Annual Dues of Fellows and Members, \$25.00—if paid after January 31st.

Current Dues, of which \$2.50 is for one year's subscription to JOURNAL... \$25 00

Too bad to Penalize for a few days.
Principal bad, I think.

Mr. John V. Bennes,
Chamber of Commerce Building,
Portland, Ore.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
Pd \$25.00 2/00/26

Retain original bill and mail this copy with your check. Your check duly endorsed will become your receipt. Special receipt will be mailed upon request. Checks payable to The American Institute of Architects. Please call attention to any mistake in name, address or other error in this bill.

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 23, 1926

Dear Mr. Bennes:

This will acknowledge your check covering Institute dues in full for the year 1925.

The Board of Directors have agreed that the so-called penalty of \$5.00 is not a good thing and it is proposed to remove it at the coming Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. John V. Bennes,
Chamber of Commerce Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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

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February 20, 1936.

Dear Mr. Bennes,

We write with regret to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and the Chapter to which you are assigned, effective December 31, 1935.

As stated in the Notice of December 6th, the Board of Directors extended the time limit for payment of dues in default to January 31. It directed that 1936 dues be not charged against the accounts of those memberships so terminated.

The Officers and Board sincerely hope that as soon as improved conditions enable you to renew your support of the Institute and the Chapter you will apply for reinstatement in the manner indicated on the enclosed excerpt.

By direction of the Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

K:G
Enclosure

✓
✓ Mr. John V. Bennes
712 Lewis Building
Portland, Oregon

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