

Bergamini, John Van Wie
New York

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Application for Membership

Jan. 28, 1929

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 John Van Wie Bergamini

Address 281 Fourth Ave., New York New York
[Number and Street.] [City.] [State.]

Place and date of birth Athens, New York Aug. 12th, 1887

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 Ecole 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 _____

If practicing architect, firm name J. Van Wie Bergamini

Have been in practice In China and Japan years 15

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

Collegiate and office training Columbia Uni. School of Architecture 1908-1911
1904-1906 office of Mr. Ernest Greene, 1906-1908 office of Messrs.
Hill & Stout, 1912-1914 office of Mr. Robt. D. Kohn.

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.

J. V. W. Bergamini
[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~~ *Without endorsement I hereby take note on*
[Insert date of election to chapter.] *half of my chapter that this applicant is applying*
for Institute membership

Julian Clarence Hess Secretary.
Secretary Chapter, A. I. A.

We, the undersigned members of the American Institute of Architects, have carefully examined the fore-
going statement and believe it to be correct. We know the applicant personally, and consider that his work
and practice warrant his admission to Membership.

- (1) *Antony Raymond*
- (2) *Robert A. Edgar*
- (3) *Frederic C. Bishop*

[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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Membership in the American Institute of Architects

Objects: The objects of the American Institute of Architects are to organize and unite in fellowship the Architects of the United States, to combine their efforts so as to promote the æsthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession, and to make the profession of ever-increasing service to society.

The American Institute of Architects desires and invites the membership of every practicing architect, or architectural draughtsman, who is willing to join with his professional brothers in upholding and promoting the principles and ideals of service for which the American Institute stands.

Conditions of Membership: Any resident of the United States, who is a practicing architect, or an architect engaged in professional education, or an architectural draughtsman, is eligible to membership if able to submit the required proofs of his or her professional capacity and honorable personal and professional standing.

The Chapter Relation: Chapters of the Institute are local groups of Institute members and associates organized under a form of Chapter Constitution and By-Laws which provides a standard relationship to the Institute, with varying provisions for local organization and effort. An applicant for Institute membership is assigned, upon election, to the chapter within whose territory he has his business headquarters. If he resides in the territory of one chapter and has his business headquarters in the territory of another, he may make a choice in his application.

Initiation Fee and Dues: The initiation fee is \$20.00, of which \$5.00 must accompany the application, and of which the balance is payable three months after election. The dues are \$20.00 a year.

The Journal of the Institute is its official publication, for which the subscription price to Institute members is \$3.50 per year.

General Requirements and Proof of Professional Ability

Educational Requirements and Experience: No exhibits of executed work or technical examination are required of an applicant who can qualify under the provisions contained in the following paragraphs, but every such applicant must send with his application in lieu of exhibits of executed work, and as evidence of the proper educational equipment, his certificate of graduation, or his scholarship award, or some authoritative writing which is satisfactory proof of such graduation or scholarship award.

Those not qualifying under Group I should send exhibits as required under Group II.

Group I. Exhibits are not required: Of graduates in Architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Harvard University, the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, Carnegie Institute of Technology, the University of California, Washington University, Syracuse University, the University of Minnesota and the University of Oregon:

Or from those who have held accredited scholarships of the American Academy at Rome Columbia University, Cornell University, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Washington University, or holders of the Rotch, McKim, or Stewardson Scholarships, the winners of the Paris Prize of the Society of Beaux Arts Architects or the Alumni Fellowship of the University of Pennsylvania; or from those who have passed the qualifying examinations of the Royal Institute of British Architects or the examinations for the first class of the Ecolè des Beaux Arts.

Practical Experience: Applicants applying under these general requirements shall have had not less than two years' experience as practicing architects; or three years as draughtsmen; or two years as draughtsmen and one year in practice.

Unanimous Endorsement: No exhibits of executed work are required in any case when the applicant has the unanimous endorsement of his chapter. 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. A letter from the chapter secretary to this effect should accompany the application.

Group II. Exhibits are required: Applicants not qualifying under Group I, unless they have unanimous endorsement, should accompany their applications with simple exhibits of executed work consisting of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings. These exhibits may be taken from the office files and need not be specially prepared. They are returned in due course. Such applicants shall have been in independent practice at least three years, or have served five years as draughtsmen.

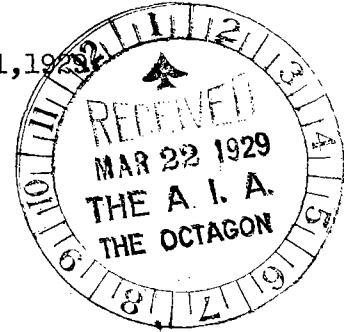
The architectural draughtsman is not required to submit exhibits of which he is the publicly recognized designer, but he must send two such exhibits of which he can truthfully say he was the principal author, although the work was done in the office of another.

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March 21, 1929



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

Dear Mr. Kemper,

In sending this attached application of Mr. J. V. W. Bergamini for Institute membership signed by Messrs. Raymond and Bishop, and by me, I want to make an explanation which is important.

Mr. Bergamini has been practising in Japan and China for fifteen years, although he gives his address as 281 Fourth Avenue, New York City. That is merely a forwarding address of one of the foreign Mission Boards with which he is connected.

When it comes to the proper time I want to testify to the exceptional character of Mr. Bergamini, and doubtless Mr. Bishop will do so as well. He knows no one else in this country connected with the Institute, so that the Committee on Examinations ought to be gentle with him. I believe Mr. Raymond is in China. I have some exhibits of the work that Mr. Bergamini has done in China and will send them on to the proper Committee when you let me know.

Cordially yours,

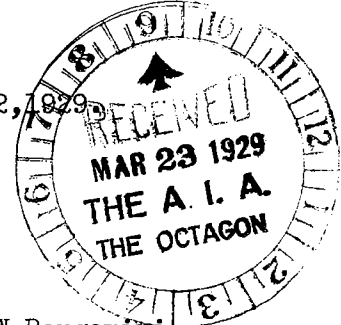
Enclosures;
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March 22, 1929



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

Re. Application of Mr. J.V.W.Bergamini

Dear Mr. Kemper,

In further reference to my letter of a few days ago regarding the application for membership in the Institute of Mr. J. V. W. Bergamini: Will you please note that Mr. Bergamini is entitled to designate the New York Chapter as his Chapter since New York is his home when he is not in China.

It occurred to me after writing you the other day that you might think his being in China would fix it for the San Francisco Chapter, but I believe he is entitled by the By-Laws to choose his home-residence City.

Cordially yours,

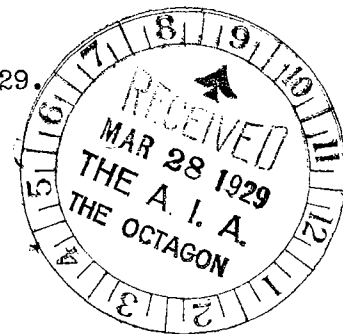
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March 27, 1929.

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



Dear Mr. Kemper,

Your letter addressed to Mr. Kohn with regard to Mr. Bergamini's application for membership in the Institute appears to have been lost between my desk and that of Mr. Kohn. I opened and read the letter, and when I asked Mr. Kohn last night how he wanted to answer it, he replied that he had not seen it.

I remember that you suggested that the photographs and prints of Mr. Bergamini's work be sent on to you, but I cannot remember the exact amount of money that is to be sent.

Will you therefore please have your office send a copy of that letter so that Mr. Kohn may take care of the matter? I am sorry to trouble you.

The exhibits will be sent on by registered mail to-day.

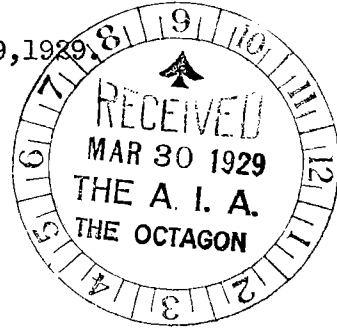
Very truly yours,

Max M. Ackerman
Secretary to Mr. Kohn.

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March 29, 1929



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

Re. Application for Membership of
Mr. J. V. W. Bergamini:

Dear Mr. Kemper,

Herewith I am sending you my own check for \$45., which please attach to the application papers of Mr. J. V. W. Bergamini. As it is likely to take two months before there can be a reply from Japan to your letter addressed to him on the 23rd, I think your suggestion is very good and I have followed it. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Bergamini in Tokyo, so that he knows what I have done.

If by any chance Mr. Bergamini will have sent you a check upon receipt of your letter and before this one reaches him it will be easy enough to substitute his check for mine, or pass the thing through in some form by endorsing his check over to me.

I hope, by the way, you received Mr. Bergamini's exhibits safely, which we sent by registered mail on the 27th.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Kohn".

Check enclosed.

Received Payment
American Institute of Architects
4/2/29 \$45.00

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March 23, 1929

Dear Mr. Bergamini:-

Permit me to acknowledge with gratification, and on behalf of the Secretary, your application for membership in The American Institute of Architects, received by reference from Mr. Robert D. Kohn, of New York.

The application is complete except for a balance of \$20.00 due on the Initiation Fee, and the Annual Dues of \$25.00 which, for the new member, are payable in advance. These dues of course will be applied to the first twelve months following date of election.

Heretofore the Initiation Fee was \$5.00, but was increased to \$25.00, effective January 1, 1928.

We are advised by Mr. Kohn that he will send forward in your behalf the customary routine exhibits.

Trusting you will find it possible to complete your application at an early date in order that it may be acted upon without undue delay, I am,

Cordially yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. John Van Wie Bergamini,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Copy to Mr. Kohn

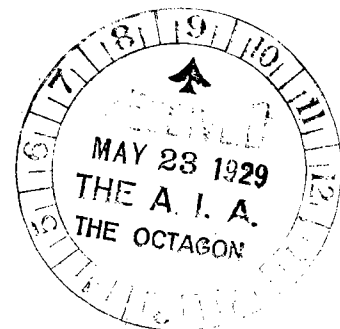
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PRESIDENT SECRETARY TREASURER

J. VAN WIE BERGAMINI
ARCHITECT
THE AMERICAN CHURCH MISSION
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TELEPHONE OTSUKA 2400

May 8, 1929.



Dear Mr. Kemper:

Replying to your letter of March 23th I understand Mr. Robt D. Kohn has kindly advanced the balance due on the Initiation Fee and the Annual Dues which should have accompanied my application for membership in the American Institute of Architects. The application form which I had called for five dollars to accompany the application hence the mistake in my check.

Trusting that you have received the exhibits and that everything is satisfactory, I am,

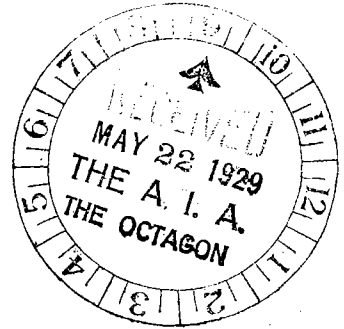
Faithfully yours,

J. V. W. Bergamini
J. V. W. Bergamini.

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

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MAY 21, 1929

Mr. Charles A. Tompkins,
Assistant Treasurer,
The National Council,
Protestant Episcopal Church,
281 Fourth avenue,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Kohn asks me to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your check for \$45., repayment of advancement made by Mr. Kohn to the American Institute of Architects in connection with Mr. Bergamini's application for membership in the Institute. We understand the Institute office has already notified Mr. Bergamini that Mr. Kohn paid this money for his account.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Kohn.

CC to Mr. E.C.Kemper,
Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects

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October 17, 1929

Dear Mr. Bergamini:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in The American Institute of Architects, effective October 9, 1929.

You have been assigned to the New York Chapter as an Institute Member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter has been so advised.

A Membership Card is enclosed herewith.

An engrossed Certificate of Membership in The American Institute of Architects will be sent to you in due course.

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.

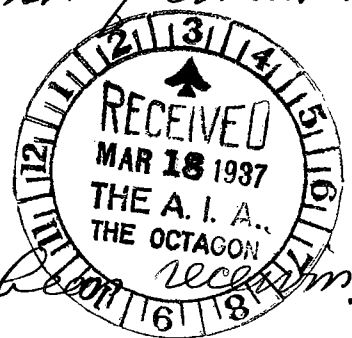
Mr. John Van Wie Bergamini,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

K/fng
Enc.

J. VAN WIE BERGAMINI
43, Tungting Road, Hankow.

Feb. 16th. 37

The American Inst. of Architects
Washington.



Dear Sirs.

I have been receiving
two copies of the
Octagon since coming
to China.

Enclosed please
find my check for
1937 dues.

With cordial regards

Sincerely
J. v. w. Bergamini

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Van the Bergamini

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February 14, 1944

Dear Miss Waters:

The last address we have for Mr. John Van ^{the} Bergamini, a corporate member of The Institute assigned to the New York Chapter, is 555 Calle Isaac Peral, Manila, P.I.

Mr. Bergamini is indebted to The Institute for dues for the years 1942 and 1943, in addition to 1944 dues. Under normal procedure his membership should be terminated as of December 31, 1943 for non-payment of Institute dues.

In view of war conditions The Treasurer, Mr. Edmunds, desires to extend a full measure of cooperation in this case.

Have you any record of the present whereabouts of Mr. Bergamini?

What action has been taken by the New York Chapter with respect to his chapter dues?

Has the Chapter any recommendation to make concerning the procedure The Institute should follow?

We hope for your reply not later than April 15 in order that this case may be considered by The Board at its meeting in late April.

By direction of The Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Miss Dorothea Waters, Executive Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
115 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

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Van Wie Bergamini

February 29, 1944

Dear Miss Waters:

Thank you for yours of February 18 with regard to the case of Mr. John Van Wie Bergamini.

We are submitting it to The Board at its meeting on April 29 with the recommendation that his Institute dues be remitted for the years 1942, 1943 and 1944.

We will advise you in due course of the action taken.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Miss Dorothea Waters, Executive Secretary
New York Chapter, A.I.A.
113 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

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Dear Mr. Benoit:

I am writing to ask if you will kindly discontinue delivery of the A.I.A. magazine as my husband John Van Wile Bergamini died on Jan 15th. The death notice appeared in the N.Y. Times on Jan 17th. He was 87 and had been practising architecture for over fifty years. chiefly in the far East.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mara Bergamini

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JAN 17 1975
**JOHN BERGAMINI, 87,
ARCHITECT, IS DEAD**

Special to The New York Times

ROWAYTON, Conn., Jan. 16 — John Van Wie Bergamini, architect of more than 200 churches, hospitals, schools and residences in China, Japan, the Philippines, Liberia, Mexico and the United States, died last night. He was 87 years old and lived here.

Mr. Bergamini studied at Cooper Union, Columbia, Yale and the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. In 1911, he was commissioned by the Congregational Church to design and build a two-story brick hospital in the western Chinese province of Shansi. He stayed in China until 1920, when he was appointed official architect for the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Far East.

One of his best-known surviving works, St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo, served United States fliers as a landmark for navigation during World War II.

During the war, Mr. Bergamini was imprisoned by the Japanese in Luzon. He returned there after the war to build the Manila Cathedral.

Mr. Bergamini leaves his wife, the former Clara Dorothy Hawke; a son, David Bergamini, a writer; 2 daughters, Dorothy Brumder Foote and Elizabeth Lucas; and 12 grandchildren.