

Dated May 25, 19 53.  
Received June 2, 19 53.  
Granted September 15, 19 53.

MEMBERSHIP NO 9431



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

In due order  
August 17, 1953  
J. J. Garrison

- A Name of applicant Robert Lowell Bien Chapter Central Valley, of Ca
- B Address of applicant 2630 Foothill Drive, Carmichael, California
- C Applicant proposed by Gordon Stafford and Silvio Barovetto
- D Application received with check for \$ 15.00 June 28, 19 53  
(held) for \$ 5.00 July 16, 19 53
- E Application ~~received~~ for correction (additional payment of \$5.00) 19 .
- F Application in due order on August 17, 19 53  
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent N. Y. June 12, 19 53. Received July 6, 19 53
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
  - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on July 15, 19 53 on June 15, 19 53.
  - (b) Form S12, 30-day extension ending on August 17, 19 53 on July 15, 19 53.
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, ~~proposers~~, and chapter on June 15, 19 53.
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission or that application be denied received on 19 .
- J No report from chapter executive committee on August 17, 19 53.
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on September 1, 19 53.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on September 1, 19 53.
- M Applicant was admitted on September 15, 19 53.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter ~~and letter~~  
~~to applicant~~ on September 15, 19 53.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 19 .  
returned to applicant on 19 .

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION AND ASSIGNMENT

I, Secretary of The American Institute of Architects, hereby certify that, under authority vested in me by The Board of Directors, I have this day duly elected

Robert Lowell Bien  
to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Central Valley of Calif. Chapter.

Date September 15, 19 53

Joseph Bain Cummings  
Secretary  
(a)

*New York*



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink. Mail this original and check for \$15.00 to The Secretary, The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. File the duplicate, on yellow paper, with the secretary of the local Chapter of The Institute.

The American Institute of Architects

APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I, the undersigned, do hereby apply for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects.

1. My full name is Robert Lowell Bien
2. I am a natural citizen of the United States.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Sacramento  
County of Sacramento State of California
4. My address in The Institute records will be my residence address  
2630 Foothill Drive  
Number Street  
Carmichael California  
City Zone State
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as a draftsman
6. I desire to be a member of the Central Valley of California Chapter.
7. I declare that I will comply with the By-laws; and the Standards of Professional Practice of The American Institute of Architects, which are attached hereto; and the Rules and Regulations supplementary thereto; and that I understand the duties, responsibilities, and obligations of a member of The Institute; and that I have read and understand all the information contained in this form and its attachments.
8. I have filed the duplicate of this application with the secretary of the Chapter above named. I am not indebted to The Institute or to any of its component organizations.
9. I enclose my check for \$15.00, for admission fee and the first year's annual dues, of which \$1.00 is for a year's subscription to the *Bulletin of The American Institute of Architects*. It is my understanding that if I am not admitted to membership \$10.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date May 25 1953

*Robert Lowell Bien*  
Applicant sign full name in ink

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3. State whether natural or a naturalized citizen.

4. State whether residence or office address.

5. State whether a practicing architect, teacher, a public official, etc.

6-15 6-4-53

## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth June 29, 1923 Place of birth New Rochelle, New York

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

New York

(b) I passed the State Board Examination in the following-named states:

New York

(c) I hold Certificate No.....of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, for having passed their Standard Examination.

## EDUCATION

12.(a) I attended high schools, private schools, colleges, universities, as follows:

Name of School, College, University	Location	No. of Years	Year of Graduation	Degree
Stuyvesant High School	New York, N.Y.	4	1940	Technical
Cornell University	Ithaca, N.Y.	5	1949	B.Arch.
N.Y. Structural Institute	New York, N.Y.	1	1950	

(b) I have held the following-named scholarships or other honor awards, and have traveled in the following-named countries:

2d Prize, Central N.Y. Chapter AIA, Competition, 1948

Traveled in: Canada, Philippine Islands, Okinawa

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

13. I list below, in chronological order, the periods of my training as draftsman, the names and addresses of my principal employers, and my classification as draftsman while employed by each:

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, New York	May 1938	Sept 1938	Apprentice
Sylvan Bien, New York	May 1939	Sept 1939	Jr Draftsman
do	Jan 1940	Sept 1940	do
do	May 1941	Sept 1941	do
Alfred Hopkins Assoc, New York	May 1942	July 1942	do
U.S. Engineers, N.Y.P.O.E.	July 1942	Jan 1943	Draftsman
U.S. Army	Jan 1943	Feb 1946	
Sylvan Bien, New York	Feb 1946	Sept 1946	Draftsman
Cornell Univ Housing Research Dept	Oct 1946	May 1949	Designer
Sylvan Bien, New York	June 1949	May 1951	Des & Principal
Leonard F. Starks, Sacramento	May 1951	Aug 1952	Draftsman
Gordon Stafford, Sacramento	Aug 1952	present	Sr Draftsman

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

14. I list below, in chronological order, the periods during which and the states in which I have practiced architecture as an individual or as a member of a firm or corporation or as a public official or have taught architecture or the arts and sciences allied therewith. (State names of firms or corporations or public office and of schools or colleges).

Sylvan Bien, Architect, New York From Sept 1950 To May 1951

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

15. I list below other business in which I participate or own an interest, and the extent of such participation or interest.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 16. Member of Institute from to
17. Junior of Institute from to
18. Associate of Central Valley of California Chapter from Aug '51 to present
19. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
21. Member of State Organization in New York from 1950 to present

ENDORSEMENT BY PROPOSERS

(The two proposers must be corporate members of The Institute in good standing.)

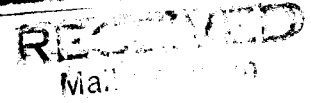
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have read the statements made hereinabove by the applicant and believe them to be correct. I vouch for his honorable standing in this community and in his profession, and I believe he is fully qualified for membership and I propose him therefor.

I have known the applicant for Two years. I have known the applicant for years.

Signed Gordon Stafford Proposer
1024 1/2 J St., Sacto, Calif. Address

Signed Silvio S. Baruffo Proposer
718 Alhambra Blvd. Address
Sacramento, Calif.

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JUN 18 1953  
The University of the  
State of New York

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

RECORD OF REGISTRATION  
OF

Robert Lowell Bien - Carmichael, California  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Albany, New York  
Address

Dear Sir:

The above named applicant for membership in The American Institute of Architects is an architect practicing in your state.

To qualify for such membership, an applicant, if resident in a state having registration or licensing laws for architects, must be registered or licensed by the state to practice architecture therein.

Will you please answer the following questions relating to the applicant's registration, to assist The Institute in determining his eligibility for membership? A duplicate of the form is enclosed for your files.

Date June 12, 1953

*Earl A. W. ...*  
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? YES or by exemption? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the scope of the examination? Architectural Design - 90  
History & Theory of Architecture - 75 Architectural Engineering - 75  
Architectural Practice & Equipment - 86
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination 36 hours; Oral examination \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
5. When examined, did applicant have a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, give Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of ~~for your state~~ June 30, 1950 ~~license~~ License No. 6243 Is it current? yes

*John W. ...*  
(Signature of Secretary of Board) Chief

New York State Education Department - Bureau  
of Professional Examinations & Registration  
(Name of Board)

Date July 3, 1953

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

Dear Sir:

**June 15, 1953**

Your application for corporate membership in The American Institute of Architects has been received with your check for \$15.00 attached. Your desire to become a member is appreciated by The Board.

Your attention is called to a revision in the amount of the admission fee effective January 1, 1953, which has been increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Your application is in due order, therefore, except for the additional \$5.00 payment required. As soon as that is received, The Secretary will do everything he can to expedite progress of your application.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

CWD/fhg

**Mr. Robert Lowell Rien**  
**2630 Foothill Drive**  
**Carmichael, California**

ROBERT L. BIEN

ARCHITECT . ~~233 WEST 146th STREET NEW YORK 19, N.Y. JU. 6-4630~~

2630 Foothill Drive  
Carmichael, California

13 July 1953

American Institute of Architects  
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.  
Mr George Bain Cummings, Secretary

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated June 15, 1953 I am enclosing check for \$5.00 to cover the increase in the admission fee.

Very truly yours,

*Robert L. Bien*  
ROBERT L. BIEN

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COPY

Administration Building  
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.

July 16, 1953

Dear Mr. Bien:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of July 13, 1953, wherein you enclosed a check in the amount of \$5.00 to cover the balance of the admission fee in connection with your pending application for corporate membership in The Institute and its Central Valley Chapter of California.

We wish to advise that your application is in due order and as soon as the Secretary is in a position to proceed toward election you will be notified promptly of the result of the Board's action on your application.

Sincerely yours,

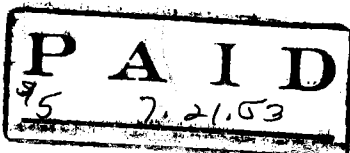


Secretary to  
The Board of Examiners

Mr. Robert L. Bien  
2630 Foothill Drive  
Carmichael, California

FHQ/mjj

(File to Mrs. Miller,  
with check)





September 15, 1953

**Mr. Robert Lowell Egan, A.I.A.  
2630 Foothill Drive  
Carmichael, California**

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to inform you that your application for membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were admitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned as indicated below.

You will be a member of the listed organizations, unless you later transfer therefrom, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

Your certificate of membership, duly executed by the Officers of The Institute, will be sent in due course.

The Board of Directors welcomes you to membership in The Institute, and my office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The Policies of The Institute are developed largely from activities within the chapters and State organizations. By taking an active part in their affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

I bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

ASSIGNMENTS:

Chapter: **Central Valley Chapter, of California, A.I.A.**  
State Organization: **California Council of Architects, A.I.A.**

Effective Date: **September 15, 1953**

GBC/fhg  
Enclosures:

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THE OCTAGON

Inter-Office Communication

November 23, 1953

TO: F.S.Gervais

FROM: L.S.Miller

In a letter from Robert Lowell Bien, AIA, 33 West 46th. St., New York 19, N.Y. he said, "I wish to be re-assigned from the Central Valley Chapter of California to the New York Chapter."

*LSM*

*Elected Sept 15, 1953*



THIS COPY - PLEASE RETURN

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
1741 NEW YORK AVENUE, N. W.  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

December 10, 1953

NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date - December 1, 1953

TO: *Transferred Member:* Mr. Robert Lowell Bien, A.I.A.  
33 West 46th Street  
New York 19, New York

*Secretary of Chapter  
To Which Member is  
Transferred* Mr. Richard A. Kimball, Secretary  
New York Chapter, A.I.A.  
115 East 40th Street  
New York 16, New York

*Secretary of Chapter  
From Which Member  
Is Transferred* Mr. Albert B. Thomas, Secretary  
Central Valley Chapter of California, A.I.A.  
718 Alhambra Boulevard  
Sacramento, California

In accordance with Chapter II, Article 1, Section 7 of the By-laws of The Institute this will advise that the above-named corporate member has been transferred as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

*George Bain Cummings*

SECRETARY

Copies to the Secretaries,  
California Council of Architects, A.I.A.  
New York State Association of Architects, A.I.A.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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November 2, 1967

American Institute Architects  
1735 New York Avenue N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20006

Gentlemen:

We have been retained by Mr. Robert L. Bien to assist in resolving the difficult financial circumstances in which he presently finds himself and of which you are probably aware. To avoid incurring any other indebtedness, Mr. Bien has ceased operating from his office at 200 Park Avenue South, New York City.

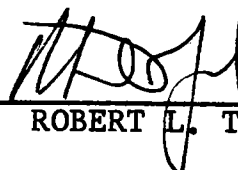
In order to apprise you and other of Mr. Bien's creditors of his current financial condition and of his plans and prospects for resolving claims against him, it is our intention to meet with you and all other creditors (or their attorneys) at 11 o'clock A.M., Friday, November 10, 1967. Arrangements have been made to hold the meeting in a conference room at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, 350 Park Avenue, New York, New York, (12th Floor). At that time, we, together with Mr. Bien, hope to be in a position to explain this unpleasant situation, to answer any questions you may have and to discuss the possibility of resolving all problems to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Your attendance at the meeting at the time and place indicated above would be very much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you then. Should you have any questions in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

FINE POSNER & TOFEL

By



ROBERT L. TOFEL

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November 6, 1967

Mr. Robert L. Tofel  
Fine Posner & Tofel  
516 Fifth Avenue  
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Tofel:

We have received your letter dated November 2nd about the membership of Mr. Robert L. Bien, AIA.

If Mr. Bien is encountering temporary financial difficulty and wishes to remain in the AIA, he ought to write to the New York Chapter requesting it to consider recommending that his dues in arrears to National AIA be waived; or, if he is not practicing architecture at this time and does not wish to continue as a corporate member, he may still request that his dues be waived so that his resignation may be accepted without any outstanding dues owing the AIA and his Chapter.

We might add, for his information, that if he does not request special consideration through his Chapter, and if his membership is terminated for nonpayment of 1967 dues, this will in no manner act as a barrier to his reapplication, should he ever reapply, except that the outstanding dues would be required upon reapplication. Moreover, the dues records of corporate members are generally confidential and are not reported to credit agencies, etc. - nor are lawsuits ever initiated by the Institute on account of dues indebtedness.

Should you or Mr. Bien wish to pursue the procedure explained in the first paragraph, please address your request to the Executive Committee, New York Chapter, 115 East 40th St., New York, New York 10016, stating your reasons why Mr. Bien cannot pay his dues and wishes to have them waived. Such request will be given prompt consideration and action.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Manager  
Membership Procedures

cc: Exec.-Secty., New York Chapter