

Biggar, Charles Howatt
So. California

Received

Application for Membership

November 21, 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 CHARLES HOWATT BIGGAR,
405 Bank of Italy Bldg., Bakersfield, California.

Address
Place and date of birth Danville, Illinois, January 11th., 1882.

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.

If practicing architect, firm name Charles H. Biggar, Architect.

Have been in practice in California 12 years

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

Collegiate and office training Special Course, University of Illinois.
Atelier Jossely, Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris.
Seven years as draftsman and designer.

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.

Charles H. Biggar
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date October 22, 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.

- (1) *Samuel P. Hunt*
- (2) *C. E. Moerberg*
- (3) *Dana W. Hunt*

[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.]

Pres'n Fee	Pat. \$5 1/10/24
Initiation
Under Seal	Yes
Exhibits	not req.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Resolution No. 679
Jan. 3, 1924.

RESOLUTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DECLARING RESULT OF LETTER BALLOT FOR
(unanimous endorsement of members)

WHEREAS: Mr. Charles H. Biggar, having his principal place of business at Bakersfield, California, 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 - 56
Number of Votes Favorable 56
Number of Votes Unfavorable: NONE

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.

Executive Committee,

By Charles F. Johnson
Secretary

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

COPY

March 16, 1924.

My dear Mr. Biggar:-

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective on March 16, 1924.

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

Enclosed herewith is statement covering dues for three quarters 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. Chas. H. Biggar,
405 Bank of Italy Bldg.,
Bakersfield, Calif.

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Encl.

CHARLES H. BIGGAR, A. I. A.
ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

PHONE 302

R. S. WILEY,
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER



A. I. A.

April 4 - 1933

Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer,
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Bergstrom:

In re the enclosed bill, I
note that dues for 1931 and 1932 are to be
remitted to those who were in arrears provided
they pay in full for 1933. What about
those of us who paid in full for 1931 and 1932
but now have no business but are still
struggling along - I have kept my staff of
three at my own expense for two years & more
but don't feel that I should pay out anymore
cash unless forced to do so -

Yours etc

Charles H. Biggar

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May 11, 1933.

Dear Mr. Biggar:

This is an informal response to yours of May 4th.

I can fully appreciate your point of view, and it was anticipated by the Board of Directors at the recent meeting - when we struggled for a whole day and evening with the serious financial problem which confronts the Institute.

It was realized that the resolution, which permits members in arrears for one or two years to have their dues remitted on the recommendations of their chapters, may not be entirely acceptable to the loyal member who has paid his dues regularly.

The alternative was to dismiss many members who cannot possibly pay their delinquent accounts, and who at the same time value highly their associations with the Institute and their chapters, and a continuance of whose memberships is of importance and value to the Institute.

If you could see the names of some of our old and loyal members - architects of the highest standing in the profession - who have suffered almost unbelievable financial reverses, I feel sure you would concur with the Board in the step which it took.

Herewith are two statements - which I hope you can find a moment to read. One is by the President, Mr. Russell. The other, by the Secretary, outlines the requirements which a member must follow before he can have his dues remitted. Its whole purpose is to make the remission of dues apply only to meritorious cases, and not to members who are in a position to pay.

Would greatly appreciate it if you would give some further thought to this and let me have your reactions, because after all the Institute must reflect the wishes and the judgment of its members.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Charles H. Biggar, A. I. A.,
554 Habersfelde Building,
Bakersfield, California.

Secretary.

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Encs.

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