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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 Walter D. Bliss

Address Palma Blg.

Place and date of birth Electron, Las Vegas, Nevada

Graduate in architecture Mass Inst. of Technology  
[Give name of institutions and year—Evidence of Diploma or Certificate of graduation to be submitted with application.]

Holder of Scholarship in architecture \_\_\_\_\_  
[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 Bliss & Faville

Have been in practice eighteen 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.

Walter D. Bliss  
[Signature of Applicant.]

I hereby certify that the signer of this application is a member of SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS—  
Chapter, A. I. A.

[Signature]  
Secretary

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.

[Signature] Pres.  
[Signature]

[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.]

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JOHN GALEN HOWARD  
ARCHITECT

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WILLIAM OTIS RAIGUEL

ATLAS BUILDING  
604 MISSION STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO

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April 24, 1916.

Board of Directors,  
American Institute of Architects,  
The Octagon,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I cordially recommend the election of Walter D. Bliss of San Francisco to Institute membership. I have known Mr. Bliss for many years and have the deepest personal regard for him. He is a man of great ability and unimpeachable character. He has to his credit a long list of work of the highest character carried out in partnership with Mr. W. B. Faville. Mr. Bliss would be one of the best influences the Institute could possibly have, and I hope that he will not only be elected at this time but that he will be advanced to Fellowship at the earliest possible opportunity. There is no more distinguished architect in this community.

Very truly yours,

*J. G. Howard*

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July 11, 1916.

Dear Sir:-

Acting for the Secretary, I take pleasure in advising you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective July 7, 1916.

You will receive later, the Annuary and Proceedings for the current year. The former contains the official documents of the Institute.

In accordance with the action of the recent Convention of the Institute with regard to applicants qualifying in 1916, your initiation fee of \$25.00 has been remitted. As you have paid the preliminary fee of \$5.00 the only charge on the Institute books is for dues for the remaining half year of 1916. For this item we enclose a formal statement.

May I take this opportunity to say that the office of the Institute at the Octagon is for the service of every Institute member. Should the occasion arise, we will be glad to give you our best cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Walter D. Bliss,  
Balboa Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER  
369 PINE STREET • SAN FRANCISCO 4

March 18, 1948

The American Institute of Architects  
1741 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington 6, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We are inclosing, herewith, copies of  
our recent correspondence with Mr. Walter D. —  
Bliss, A.I.A., member of this Chapter.

Very truly yours,

Helen H. Ashton, Office Secretary

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Northern California Chapter  
The American Institute of Architects  
369 Pine Street  
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

As I have retired and have not been active in architectural work or circles for some time, spending most of my time away from San Francisco, I wish to withdraw from your chapter as of December 31, 1947.

Enclosed is a check for dues up to that date.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Walter D. Bliss

March 18, 1948

Mr. Walter D. Bliss, A.I.A.  
Hobart Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Bliss:

We inclose, herewith, our receipt for your Chapter dues for the year 1947.

You have been a Corporate Member of The Institute since 1916 and at that time you were assigned to membership in this Chapter by The Institute. We regret exceedingly that you wish to withdraw from this Chapter. Such a resignation on your part would have to be sent to The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, NW, Washington 6, D.C. We cannot accept it here.

May we suggest that, instead of resigning, you apply to The Institute for election as a Member Emeritus since you have retired from the active practice of architecture and are probably eligible for such a rating. We would be very glad to endorse such an application.

A Member Emeritus of The Institute is relieved from further payment of dues to both The Institute and to the Chapter to which he has been assigned.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of carrying you as a Member Emeritus of this Chapter, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Pollack, Secretary

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

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March 24, 1948

Dear Mr. Bliss:

We have received a copy of the letter of March 18th which Mr. Ralph N. Follack, Secretary of the Northern California addressed to you, in which he suggested that you make application for election as a Member Emeritus of The Institute.

Copies of an application form for this type of membership are enclosed, and if you find that you are eligible under either of the conditions set forth, we shall be glad to have you sign and return it to this office, where it will be put forward promptly.

Yours sincerely,

Edmund R. Purves  
Acting Executive Director

Mr. Walter D. Bliss, A.I.A.  
Hobart Building  
San Francisco, California

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Copy to Mr. Follack

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Dated 19 .  
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS  
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP EMERITUS

TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

*Strike out the  
inappropriate  
reason, a or b,  
as the case  
may be.*

I wish to apply for Membership Emeritus in The Institute for the following reasons:

- a. I am more than 70 years of age.
- b. I am unable to engage in any gainful vocation.

*Write in  
name of  
chapter.*

I have been in good standing in The Institute and the *Western California* chapter for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date *April 9<sup>th</sup>* 19 *48*.

*Walter D. Plien*  
Signature

*The applicant may supplement the above reasons in writing below or on sheets which he shall attach to this application. Under exceptional conditions and circumstances, The Board of Directors may lessen the period of good standing but neither of requirements a or b.*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Mr. Walter D. Bliss, A.I.A.**  
**Hobart Building, 582 Market Street**  
**San Francisco 4, California**

It is my privilege to advise you that The Board of Directors has conferred upon you  
the title

**MEMBER EMERITUS**

of The American Institute of Architects and of its component organizations of which you are  
a member, exempting you from the payment of annual dues to The Institute and such  
organizations, effective **May 14, 1948**

*Bliss*

Date **May 20,** 19**48**

..... *Carroll D. [Signature]*  
Secretary