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Application for Membership

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 C
[Insert appropriate letter.]

I hereby certify that the following statements are correct:

Name Ernest Olaf Brostrom

Address 400 402 Reliance Bldg Kansas City Mo

Place and date of birth Sept 30th 1888 Sweden

Graduate in architecture
[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 an Associate of a Chapter of the Institute, give date of admission thereto March 7th 1917 application

If practicing architect, firm name Brostrom and Profts

Have been in practice since Feb. 1st 1911 years.

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

Collegiate and office training General office Practice

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.

Ernest O. Brostrom
[Signature of Applicant.]

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

Chapter, A. I. A., on the following date April 11-1917
[Insert exact date of election to chapter.]

Frank C. Payson Secretary.
Kansas City 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.

William D. ...
Frank C. Payson
Thos. Kimball

Prelim. Fee \$7.50 11/20
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On Priv. Com. of Nov. 17, 1920

[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 President and 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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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 12, 1920.

My dear Mr. Brostrom:-

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. Payson, Secretary of the Kansas City Chapter.

This will come before the Board of Directors meeting on November 19th, provided we receive the required exhibits of executed work. We telegraphed for your exhibits on November 10th.

These exhibits should consist of working drawings and photographs of two executed buildings which need not be specially prepared and may be taken from your office files. They will be carefully returned later.

A receipt to cover the preliminary fee is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest Olof Brostrom,
400 Reliance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Mr. William Stanley Parker, Sec.,
A.I.A., The Octagon,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Parker:-

With reference to your circular dated Nov. 17th. per-
taining to the application for membership in the Institute by a
number of candidates, I wish to state that the men are all
unfamiliar to me; except one, whom I know by reputation and by
having seen work of his, both in form of drawings and buildings
executed. This work was not to my best judgement of the quality
required for membership in the A.I.A. There was no indication of
neither ability or training of an architect.

The party referred to is E.O. Brostrom of Kansas City.

This is not a personal matter, as I have ^{never} met Mr.
Brostrom, but merely an endeavor to keep standard set for admission
in the Institute intact. We do not want men who are not qualified by
training and aesthetic ability as members.

Yours cordially,

HCE/JG.

Henry Eckland

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November 29, 1920.

My dear Mr. Eckland:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 23, in the nature of a privileged communication against Mr. E. G. Brostrom of Kansas City.

Please be assured that he will be carefully investigated in his local territory before being accepted by the Board of Examiners, and that your letter will come before the Executive Committee when his name is voted upon.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Henry Eckland,
Architect,
Moline, Illinois.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
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November 29, 1920.

My dear Mr. Payson:-

The following paragraph is the substance of a privileged communication from an Institute member concerning Mr. E. O. Brostrom now an applicant for membership, who upon election would be assigned to the Kansas City Chapter.

"With reference to your circular dated Nov. 17th pertaining to the application for membership in the Institute by a number of candidates, I wish to state that the men are all unfamiliar to me; except one, whom I know by reputation and by having seen work of his, both in form of drawings and buildings executed. This work was not to my best judgement of the quality required for membership in the A. I. A. There was no indication of neither ability or training of an architect.

The party referred to is E. S. Brostrom of Kansas City.

This is not a personal matter, as I have never met Mr. Brostrom, but merely an endeavor to keep standard set for admission in the Institute intact. We do not want men who are not qualified by training and aesthetic ability as members."

Please treat this matter as confidential and write, for the information of the Executive Committee, any comments you may have. The Executive Committee would, I believe, require more substantial evidence before turning down Mr. Brostrom, particularly if he has the approval of the local Chapter.

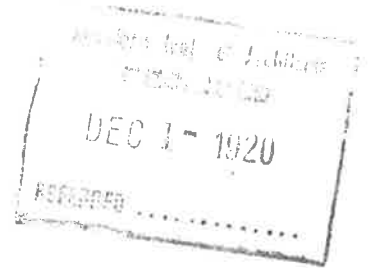
Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. C. H. Payson, Secretary,
The Kansas City Chapter, A. I. A.
230 Reliance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

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CANN AND GORRUBIA
ARCHITECTS
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Nov. 29, 1920

Mr. Wm. Stanley Parker
American Institute of Architects
Octagon House
Washington, D.C

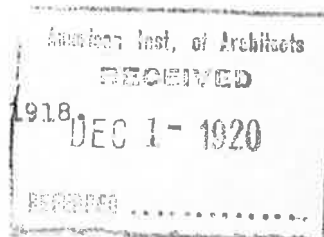
Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your communication of Nov. 17, 1920 which contains the names of applicants which are before the Board of Directors or its executive committee, for admission to the Institute, and in the list I notice the name of Mr. Ernest Olof Brostrom of Kansas City, to which I wish to attach this privileged communication as to the eligibility of the candidate for the information and guidance of the members of the Board of Directors in their final ballot.

I am enclosing herewith a reply from a fellow architect which is purely confidential, covering an inquiry concerning Mr. Brostrom, under date of May 6, 1918, which I wish you would return to me after you have read same. In addition I might add that in the selection of the architect for the Woods Memorial Church of Excelsior Springs, to which this communication refers, we had been given the assurance of this contract by several men on the committee, and by the daughter of the donor of the Memorial. Our services were offered to them upon the customary minimum charges of the Institute, and were seemingly acceptable until Mr. Brostrom came forward and offered to render the same quality of service to them at the rate of 3%, or just one-half of the extent of our fee. Likewise, rather than enter into new preliminary designs which a memorial of this kind was deserving of receiving, he offered them the plans of a church he had recently built in Kansas, which with a few minor changes, would suffice for the Woods Memorial Church, thus he was able in part to reduce his fee to the extent of 3%.

Respectfully submitted,

GANN AND CORRUBIA
ARCHITECTS
CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SAINT LOUIS



Dear Frank:-

In answer to your inquiry concerning Ernest O. Brastrom, I have the following information to submit.

He has been engaged in independent practice four or five years during which time he has turned out about twenty-five small churches and about forty inexpensive apartment buildings. His churches have run from thirteen thousand to sixty thousand dollars, with an average of about thirty-two thousand dollars. They have been located in the small towns of Kansas mainly, with a few in Missouri. The majority appear to have been Methodist and many of these Swedish, his nationality. Most of his apartment work has been for real estate firms here and in Kansas City, Kansas. You know what his price on that type of work has been. He has designed a few minor residences.

He is a member of the local chapter of the A. I. A. His training consists of experience in a second rate architect's office, assisted by the I. C. S. He is a man of about thirty years, not over. In design he shows some knowledge of Gothic and a little of the classical, but lacks a fine appreciation of either. In his own statement he places emphasis upon his construction knowledge rather than design. His drawings and specifications are remarkably complete for his status as an architect and show considerable knowledge of proper construction and use of materials, architectural and mechanical. He appears to have a full idea of building cost.

This information for the most part was gathered first hand by me in conversation with him in his office where I saw photographs of his work, etc. During my visit, the purpose of which, of course, he did not know, he stated that he had recently ~~glosed~~ ^{signed} a contract for a church in Excelsior Springs and showed me a ^{church} library design he intended to use. He claims to be entirely at home in church work and is making a specialty of it. You should have an opportunity for a reconsideration because of the fact that your client in building a memorial wants something more than just a building and a very fine piece of work your competitor cannot turn out. He also stated that he advised against a fireproof structure because forty thousand dollars would not cover such a feature in the building they contemplated.

I trust that this information may be of use to you.

With my regards to your family and my friends in St. Louis and the best of luck to you, I am,

Yours in - kai -

LOHMANN.

1332 East 34th St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Fr. Frank meeting

December 3, 1920.

My dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge your letter of November 29 with enclosure in the nature of a privileged communication concerning Mr. Ernest Olof Brostrom.

Please be assured that this will be treated confidentially, will be carefully considered before his application is acted upon finally and that Mr. Mohmann's letter will be returned to you in due course.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Frank Cann,
DeMenil Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
KANSAS CITY, MO.

December 2nd 1920.

Mr. E. C. Kemper, Executive Secretary
American Institute of Architects.
Washington D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 29th, relative to the application of Mr. E. O. Brostrom, for membership in the A. I. A. reached me this morning and was certainly a very great surprise.

I have known Mr. Brostrom for a number of years and know him to be a man of high character and absolutely clean in his practice; he is not a University graduate and as his practice has been to a great extent, of the country Church variety, his opportunities for a grand display have been limited, however he does have some very creditable work to his credit.

Mr. Brostrom has been an Associate of our Chapter for about three years and has proven himself a very enthusiastic worker. He is at present Chairman of our committee in charge of the Architects Small House Service Bureau and is taking a keen interest in the matter, he having made a trip to Minneapolis for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the matter before making his report to the Chapter.

The writer is of the opinion that a serious injustice would be done, should the Institute decline to accept Mr. Brostrom's application as he has certainly proven himself a very creditable member of our Chapter.

This letter is written that it may be used in his behalf should the occasion present itself.

Very truly yours,

Spas N. Jensen
Secretary K. C. Chapter A. I. A.

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KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

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KANSAS CITY MO.

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December 6, 1920

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Dear Mr. Payson:-

Thank you for yours of December 2 concerning Mr. Brostrom which will be particularly called to the attention of the Executive Committee when his application comes up.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Charles H. Payson, Secretary,
Kansas City Chapter, A. I. A.,
Reliance Building, Kansas City-Mo.

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Are Architects Neglecting the Nation's Foundation?

Is Architecture Failing in a Vital Way by Paying too little Attention to Small Houses? A Kansas City Architect Fears that it is.

"Dissatisfaction,—warped, dark outlooks upon life,—ignorance following blind, prejudiced, or self-seeking leaders. Gathering dusk, crouching figures flitting across lighted spaces, into shadowy places. Gathering groups, mutterings, faint rumblings, group join group until there is a crowd. Shots, screams, explosion, fire-shrieks, vandalism."

So Mary Roberts Rineheart in a recent story depicts the back-ground and tells of riot, continuing her word picture of terror, and discusses the strength and weaknesses of the mob. She closes the scene with law and order holding the supremacy.

Then she writes "The city moved on about its business. In thousands of homes the light shone down on little family groups, infinitely tender little groups. The workers of the city were there, the doors shut, the fires burning. To all men the right to labor, to love and to rest,—To children, the right to play—To women, the Peace of the hearth,—To lovers, love and marriage and home."

"The city moved on about its business and its business was homes."

Factories, warehouses, sales and office buildings, all places of business are essentials in the modern system, but are they not just a means of providing for the home?

The schools, colleges, universities and churches, are they not that which stabilizes the home and makes its continuation possible? They spread the light of knowledge.

Hospitals and institutions of charity are contributing, with the institutions of learning and religion to the stabilizing of the home. They restore to health and heal the ills that might otherwise cause the breaking of a home.

Theatres and places of amusement are mere incidents, building their themes and scenes around the home. Their influence is for good or evil, just in the measure that they build up around the home and family life, or degrade it, tearing asunder its sacred ties.

The community, state and governmental structures are there to safeguard and for the protection of the home.

Museums, art galleries and libraries record the ups and downs of nations and point unerringly to the fact, that as long as the home was held clean, free and supreme, just so long did the nation continue to thrive and prosper. As soon as the homes were violated and their sanctities broken into, so soon did the nation start its decadence.

Memorials and monumental structures have been erected to immortalize heroism, to record achievement. They have also been constructed for self-aggrandizement, in the forlorn hope that thus might unworthy acts be blotted out and atoned for.

But there must be the home before the monument. There must be the child at his mother's mother's knee, ere there can be the hero and heroic deeds. So must there be patriotism, instilled at a cheery fireside ere the love of home and country will bring forth wonderful spirit and the willingness to die, ere we can erect the memorial to the sacrifice.

Architecture, as an art. Has the home been overlooked in the dreams of rising terraces, collonaded temples on Athenian Hills?

Architecture, as a science. Has it disregarded the importance of the home, in its study of arrangements, materials and construction?

Architecture, in its engineering departments. Has it forgotten the home in its contemplation of wide spans and aspiring heights, with their stresses and strains?

Architecture, as a business. Has it purposely neglected the small house in its desire to secure, in proper and suitable amounts, the means of barter and exchange?

It is the small home that is in question, not the large house. It is the serving of a majority in small house design, planning and construction that should receive the earnest attention of architecture and architects.

We, architects, control a facility which should be made readily accessible to the small home owner. We are possessed of knowledge that should be imparted to those who have long needed it and are still needy, but who not knowing how, have not asked, not understanding, have felt no need, not feeling the need, have not been able to fully satisfy the inherent craving for things in good taste, nor gratify the instinctive desire for the beautiful. This is especially true when it pertains to the home.

As architects, have we neglected a vital part of our calling, as ministers to art and architecture; neglected an opportunity to instruct in the minor homely things of every day contact; neglected to demonstrate in the small buildings, the possibilities of intelligent design?

Have we failed to educate the small house builder, so that he still continues in the dark as to general architecture, not to say wandering in stygian blackness, when it comes to appreciativeness of the true part the architect has in efficient arrangements, satisfactory design and the pleasing appearance of a building, may these be expressed by cozyness, rambling, well-balanced, formality, or whatever descriptive word or phrase bursting enthusiastically from the lips of him or her, whose individual likes and dislikes, knowledge or lack of knowledge, are thus disclosed?

In our contemplation of larger work and things monumental, have we neglected the field of the small house—because of its very unremunerativeness? Has this, with the popular fallacy that any carpenter is capable of designing and planning the house (which we have allowed to thrive), caused a general depreciative thought of our profession's usefulness in matters of this kind? This has even extended to larger work as evidenced by the increasing number of "private plans." These are having a definite derogatory influence on the general architecture of the street, none the less marked in our finer residence neighborhoods, it is encroaching upon good architecture everywhere.

It is time that we opened our minds to the solving of the question. It is time we were lending our

influence directly towards the bettering of housing conditions. The individual small house is as important as the group.

The way has been opened for us. We will be the pioneers. The trail ahead is blazed part way. Its name is "The Architects' Small House Service Bureau."

No need to go into the origin of the Minnesota pioneer bureau herein, for it has received much publicity. The ways and means developed and employed are available to whomsoever asks.

We say—go to! It is high time. Let us contribute to the creation of the proper environs, the proper atmosphere for the growing American.

Let us now delve into our store houses of architectural lore and bring out of it ideas that will make ideal homes. Homes, not houses. Let us mold them in practical forms emblematic of good cheer, beauty and love. Arrange them for comfort and efficient household administration. Make them readily cleanly, open and airy, yet cozy and warm, light and colorful. Employ contracts where needed, yet keeping them in garden plots, arrange them for vistas. Leave nothing undone to create perfection, as near perfection as human mind can devise.

Plan, knowing it will have a bearing on life. Design, knowing it will influence spirit. Work out every little detail, with careful study. Perhaps therein a hero may grow up. Perhaps therein a martyr may receive his stable spirit.

It may come to pass in this land of liberty, freedom and true democracy, where everyone is equal born, that under the roof that you design, may play the babe whose hand and brain may rule the nation, yea! may even guide the destinies of all the nations of the whole earth.

Ernest Olaf Brostrom.

The Golden Rule in Business.

Some years ago Willis L. King, Vice-President of the Jones & Laughlin Company, one of the greatest steel concerns of America, in an address before the American Iron and Steel Institute took as his subject "The Golden Rule in Business."

Mr. King claimed that in every business relation, whether dealing with customers, competitors or employes, it was possible to follow the Golden Rule as the surest guide in all business dealings. His address was enthusiastically received by the hundreds of leaders in the iron and steel industry who were present.

Since that meeting there has been a widespread development of the thought that in all human relations men should strive to put into practice the divine command to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us. But what a revolution in human affairs would be inaugurated if all men practiced that doctrine!

If all employers would honestly put themselves mentally in the place of their employes and then study the meaning of that command, there would be a mighty change for the better.

If all employes would put themselves in their employer's place and endeavor fully to carry out that teaching, there would be no slacking, no inefficiency, and no effort to browbeat and bulldoze other men who did not belong to their particular union.

If all buyers and sellers would faithfully do unto each other as they would wish others to do unto them under similar circumstances, honesty would

everywhere prevail, and the world's business would move forward to a higher and nobler plane, with larger prosperity for all.

No man is living a true life, no man is doing his full duty to himself and his fellowmen as employer, or employe, as buyer or seller, who cannot conscientiously say that to the very best of his knowledge he is seeking to carry out this supreme rule of human conduct.

No man is thoroughly honest at heart who is not willing to examine himself to see if his motives square with this divine command, which is just as binding as those which say, Thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not murder, thou shalt not commit adultery. Men may follow these commands and still utterly fail if they do not follow that other command which says, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." It may be well-nigh impossible to attain unto that heavenly height of conduct, but it is possible to strive unceasingly and honestly to do so.—The Manufacturers Record.

Labor Conditions and Immigration.

Discussing general labor conditions in its Mid-Month Review of Business, the Irving National Bank of New York City makes the following interesting comment:

"A change for the better appears to be taking place in the efficiency of labor, although the situation is far from satisfactory. In eighty cities a movement is under way to obtain, and in fact in many places has already obtained, open shop conditions. The movement seems inspired not by employers but by public organizations, such as Chambers of Commerce and Merchants' Associations, reflecting popular dissatisfaction with the widespread under-productiveness of even the best paid labor. The movement as yet has no nation-wide unity.

"The building trades are in a most unsatisfactory condition, labor's demands discouraging new construction. It is not the inflated wages which are significant but the systematic curtailing of labor-productivity, which has caused a marked falling off in building construction throughout the country. Contractors recognize the justice of high wages, due to the rise in living costs, but when advances are accompanied by a general lowering of output, they are forced to raise their cost estimates to figures discouraging the building of houses. Consequently in many building trades large numbers of workmen are idle. Where the open shop prevails, however, construction work is more willingly undertaken. In 147 cities during September only \$88,000,000 was spent on building construction, a decline of 31 per cent from August, and the smallest total since April, 1919.

"In immigration, despite very high steerage rates, there has been a notable increase recently. Ellis Island's capacity at present is overtaxed. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920, according to a letter from the government bureau, there were 330,599 who entered this country, but during the same period 320,273 people emigrated, leaving a total addition to our population of only 10,326. Since the date mentioned there has been an average increase in both movements. In July 56,102 and in August 57,874 immigrants arrived and in the same months 32,935 and 36,932 departed. The total immigration for the calendar year through August 31 is 316,932."

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Dec. 7th, 1920.

The American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C. For the Attention of Mr. Edward C. Kemper.

Dear Sir:

The other day I learned that there was some opposition to my becoming a member of the American Institute of Architects, on the part of some individual or individuals. This grieved me very much, especially on the grounds that it was said and stated and given as reason for my not being a suitable person for the honor, for which I had applied.

I do not know just what to say in the matter, nor what would be best to do, so I am in a manner turning to you for your suggestion, as well as trusting that you will act in the best manner for the good of your institution.

If the American Institute will be better or be bettered by my name not appearing on the roll, and the good of architecture be served, then I ask of you, to withdraw my application, returning to me the same as an indication that you have not acted upon the same. I would prefer to do this, rather than have it rejected by the Board of Directors. Upon receipt of this returned application, I will tender my resignation to the Local Chapter, so that the same may be done in due form and that I may not interfere with the progression of good architecture and the development of the Institute.

Then, perhaps, in after years when my work may have come up to the standards required and my practice and personality may have become suitable and acceptable and the time seem appropriate, then, perhaps, I will again petition the American Institute of Architects for the honor of membership, and the pleasure of working together with other practitioners and the privilege of assisting in some small measure in the furthering of the general cause of architecture.

For the good of architecture we will remain outside of your body, if you so deem best.

Sincerely yours,



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January meeting

December 11, 1920.

My dear Mr. Brostrom:-

Your letter of December 7 is at hand and the spirit in which you write is deeply appreciated.

Your application, along with many others, will come before the Executive Committee early in January and should any objection come in please be assured that your present letter will be presented at the same time.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
Reliance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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BROSTROM & DROTTS
ARCHITECTS
HOME PHONE MAIN 7880 400-402 RELIANCE BLDG.
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

March 18th, 1921.

American Institute of Architects,
The Octagon House,
Washington, D. C.

For the attention of
Mr. E. C. Kemper.

Gentlemen:

It has come to my notice that a number of Kansas City Architects have been admitted to the Institute, whose petitions were sent in at least two months after mine.

I am assumming that my petition has been rejected and I would be pleased to be informed thereof.

Kindly return my application and if you do not desire to keep the exhibits sent, I also ask you to return them. If this is not customary, just kindly inform me of my present status with relation to the Institute.

Yours very truly,



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March ¹⁹10, 1921.

My dear Sir:

Acting for the Secretary, I am pleased to advise you of your election to membership in the American Institute of Architects, effective March 5, 1921.

You have been assigned to the Kansas City Chapter as an Institute member in good standing therein, and the Secretary of the Chapter so notified.

The enclosed statement for dues should receive early attention, as the engrossed Certificate of Membership is not sent until the dues for the first year have been paid. No charge has been made for first quarter 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. Ernest Olaf Brostrom,
400-2 Reliance Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

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Enclosure

*David
Where is the booklet?*

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BROSTROM & DROTTS

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March 21st, 1921.

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

For the Attention of
Mr. E. C. Kemper,
Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:

Our letter last week seemed to have been a little bit hasty.

We are gratified with your communication of the 19th notifying the writer that he has been elected to membership in the American Institute of Architects. We will endeavor to merit the confidence so placed in us. Check is enclosed.

We mailed you with our letter a copy of the writer's booklet "Churches" and would appreciate very much your criticism of the same or suggestions with reference to the use of same. We have had very many favorable comments about the same from pastors into whose hands they had been placed, and the writer would also like to know an honest opinion from fellow practitioners and those who are in position to know what is best for the profession as a whole and for the elevation of church architecture as we know it in the Central West.

Yours very truly,

BROSTROM & DROTTS,

By

Payment
American Institute of Architects
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 2, 1921.

My dear Mr. Brostrom:

In connection with your application I find we did not return one of your exhibits, viz; a booklet of churches. We are sending this forward under separate cover as you may need it for your files.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest Olaf Brostrom,
Reliance Building,
10th and McGee Streets,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Sent Booklet 4th class
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TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Edwin Bergstrom, Treasurer

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Annual Dues, January 1, 1928, to December 31, 1928, inclusive.....
 In accordance with the By-Laws, \$2.50 of said dues shall be for subscrip-
 tion to Journal for said period. Members delinquent for more than
 one year do not receive The Journal.

\$25 00

and for dues for 1927

22 50

\$47 50

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
 600 Reliance Bldg.,
 Kansas City, Mo.

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 your address or other mistake in this bill.

ERNEST O. BROSTROM
 ARCHITECT
 TELEPHONE VICTOR 9080 A.I.A. ⁶⁰⁰ RELIANCE BLDG.
 TENTH & M'GEE
 KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Sec. A.I.A.

In enclosing herewith my check for last years dues - I want to say - that I regret the delinquency - and - that I have missed the Journal exceedingly -

Won't you see that I become reinstated on the subscription list and am forwarded a full file of the numbers that I failed to get.

You will have the issue or date of miss cut off, so kindly check this up for me.

Received Payment
 American Institute of Architects
 Paid 2/22/28
 for sub. to be continued
 with August Number.

Ernest O. Brostrom

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August 16, 1928.

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

This is the first opportunity to acknowledge your ^{letter} note and check for \$22.50, which pays your Institute dues to December 31, 1927.

We have immediately reentered your name on the mailing list of The Journal, and the August number will reach you in due course.

Am indeed sorry to say that we cannot send you ~~the~~ numbers - because we do not have any surplus copies.

As you will note from the enclosed circular, the Journal is now being produced without advertising and that means the utmost economy in production.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
600 Reliance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, 1741 NEW YORK AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 18, 1929



Dear Mr. Brostrom:

It is not long before the end of the year will be here. It is the season when the Treasurer has to clear his books for the New Year. He finds a small balance against you which he is sure that you want to clean up if you are able. Can you not send your check before the month end?

Very sincerely,

Edwin Bergstrom
Treasurer.

I am sorry;

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
600 Reliance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

EB:FHG

Enc.

*Just at the present time:
after a year with little on the boards
with the winter on with not a single prospect
it looks like it will be necessary to
drop E.O.B.'s names for more frequent
of dues - I know - I'll say about it -
for I have so enjoyed my A.I.A.
Association's. Regretfully - Absolutely
Edwin Bergstrom*

11/23/29

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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 26, 1929.

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

Acting for the Treasurer, I write to acknowledge your note of the 23rd.

I know full well that the Officers and Board of the Institute would much regret to see you drop out. Can you not preserve your membership in the Institute and the Chapter by sending a note for sixty or ninety days.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
600 Reliance Building,
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THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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March 12-1930.

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

It is with genuine regret that I write, as Secretary of the Institute, to advise you of the termination of your membership in the Institute and the Kansas City Chapter, effective December 31, 1929, for non-payment of Institute dues.

The Treasurer, and the Secretary's Office, sent to you various statements of account and letters in the hope that you would find it possible to make a remittance in whole or in part, and thereby continue your support of The American Institute of Architects and your Chapter.

It is realized that conditions in the building industry have been unfavorable during much of the past year, and for that reason we made a special effort to retain your membership as long as possible.

May I venture to express the personal hope that conditions in your locality will soon improve, and that you will then make application for reinstatement in the Institute and your Chapter the first order of business.

The reinstatement procedure is easy and can be accomplished by addressing a letter to the Secretary of the Institute, through the Secretary of the local Chapter.

With best wishes, and with the hope that we may soon regain your affiliation and support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
600 Reliance Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

FCB:TRD.

*K.C. Chapter
Central States Div.*

ERNEST O. BROSTROM
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Telephone Reliance Building
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

3-13-30.

Mr. Frank C. Baldwin, Secretary
A.I.A.

The termination of my A. I. A. affiliations grieves me greatly-But Olaf's children must have shoes and Lord, how the wife's coat looks; were glad it is nearly Spring. And with Spring comes hope. And now without the obligation of guarding the chaste Doric column, mayhap "I" can get me a job.

This reply will be a cry of anguish, a cry issuing from the bushes fringing the outskirts of architecture's beauties, the outskirts just where the desert of want begins. It will sound erabbed-I would I could write differently. Why then write at all?-Well, I must use up these A. I. A. letterheads some-how.

I've been getting licked regularly upon work that I should not be licked upon. I've been striving to find the answer. I find it mostly and chiefly within myself. But it will be informative and interesting for you to hear about some occurancees that I do not comprehend. It will indeed serve as a warning and give you opportunity to send out your heralds, crying that the time is come when men must not, MUST NOT let down the bars of principle, no matter what the cost. Do you get me?

A Hotel project-we were original architects; it is an addition. We inform the owner we will gladly work with him; he pulls out complete drawings by a reputable architect, made so says the owner, without his order and with the statement that he may use them or not as he wishes. He used them not-Free planning of the most atrocious sort.

A church-we inform the pastor that we will work with him with pleasure-but before making drawings, we must be assured that we are the architects for his project. "Oh, but we have beautiful drawings from our A. I. A. Architect who did not hesitate in the making of sketches, and that without obligation whatsoever. But if you dare not show your ability, you can't expect us to select you." "But our ability is shown by all these churches," and we show our photographs and speak of our successfull buildings. "Yea, but they do not suit us. If you expect to receive consideration, you must show us what you propose to build for us."

A program of desired equipment is submitted, detailed, sketches asked for-from a selected list of architects-And nearly all accept-hurrah! We present what we believe to be adequate witness to our skill, but no, better we were shown the winning drawings in this competition-a beautiful building-yes, a good man-
-an A. I. A. Architects-prominent?- Yes!

Another church-we meet with the committee-1st time, good-2nd time-
"Why did you come without a layout for us?"

"We do not make it a custom to prepare preliminary studies before we are selected as architects. We find that, inevitably we have been enabled to secure the best results for our clients when we were allowed to work their problems out together with them."

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Not a chance, and A. I. A. letters were upon the submitted sketches.

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"We've been presented with some dandy drawings by an architect whom you know. The committee would like you to present your suggestion more in concrete-on paper."

Aye, gone-I've appeared too slow to many committees of late.

So I'm crying salt tears down my cheeks and pouncing ashes o'er my balding head-Remorse grips me!

But now, after I've rubbed the A. I. A. off of my door, I may-if I wish-do what I wish, E'en to engaging in free for all competitions as in the old-old days of yore.

Anyway, I am going to make some more efforts to secure that means of bartering for some shoes for the kiddies.

This letter, has at least, diminished my supply of A. I. A.'s.

But, Oh, I am so blue about it.

(signed) Ernest O. B.

P.S. Maybe I've got the dope all wrong and the above is just the way it has appeared to me, the conquered one!

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heroic column - mayhap "I" can
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a cry rising from the bushes fringing
the outskirts of architecture's beauties,
the outskirts just where the desert of want
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April 1, 1930.

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

Your longhand letter of March 13th was received just ahead of the meetings at The Octagon, and this is the first opportunity to respond.

In view of our personal acquaintance, and of my knowledge of your long activity in Institute and Chapter work, it is needless for me to say that the termination of your Institute membership on account of outstanding dues was and is a matter of sincere personal regret.

I hope that business conditions in your community will improve sufficiently in the near future to permit you to seek reinstatement in both the Institute and the Chapter.

In the meantime, I take the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Public Information of the Institute, Mr. William Harmon Beers, and also to each member of the Executive Committee. Its comments on conditions of practice, and related difficulties encountered in some sections of the country, are entitled to the serious consideration of those who have been furnished copies.

With best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom,
Reliance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Copy to each Member of the Executive Committee;
and to the Chairman of the Committee on
Public Information.

Copy also sent to a Mr. Rice, Charleston, S.C.

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THE KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

May
18th
1945

Mr. Ed. C. Kemper
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The following former members have applied for readmission
into The Institute:

Mr. Raymond Schumacher, Scarritt Arcade, K.C.Mo. - *Elected*
Mr. A. R. Hardy, Scarritt Arcade, K.C., Mo. - *not granted 1/1/46*
Mr. Ed. B. Delk, 11 W. Concord, K.C., Mo. - *Elected*
Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, 4302 Oak St., K.C., Mo. - *agap, rec'd. 12/9/46*
Mr. Selby Kurfiss, 320 N. Chelsea, K.C., Mo. - *Elected*

The Kansas City Chapter herewith certifies that on the
above named men it is accepting a payment of one-half
of their back dues for two years in full settlement for
their indebtedness to the local Chapter.

The Board of Directors of The Institute is therefore, re-
quested to take a similar action in regards to the
indebtedness of these men to the national body.

Very sincerely yours,

(s) Clarence Kivett

CLARENCE KIVETT, A.I.A.

Ck:nh

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

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E. J. Carr

May 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Kivett:

Responding to yours of May 18 with the gratifying information that the five architects named are applying for readmission to The Institute.

Under the customary procedure The Secretary of The Institute should have a letter from each one stating that he desires readmission, that he is engaged in the professional practice of architecture and, in these cases, requesting that The Institute accept one half of any back dues for which they may be indebted in full settlement for outstanding Institute dues.

We will, of course, bring your letter to the attention of The Board or Executive Committee at its next meeting and in the meantime call the above to your attention.

Could we be of help here by writing direct to each of those named, or will you communicate with them.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

ECK:dd

Mr. Clarence Kivett, Secretary
Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.
1016 Baltimore Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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310 Ward Parkway

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212 Westover Building

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GEORGE J. DAVIDSON, Secretary
1207 Grand



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The Kansas City Chapter
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Kansas City, Missouri
December 8, 1946

The American Institute of Architects
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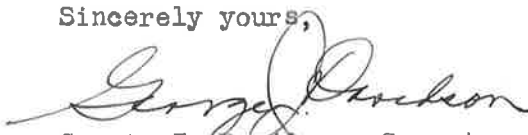
Attention: Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Kemper:

The Kansas City Chapter is remitting all back dues regarding Ernest O. Brostrom. The Directors recommend that the National Chapter apply the money enclosed herewith on 1947 dues since the month of December is almost over.

I am enclosing a letter written by Mr. Brostrom.

Sincerely yours,


George J. Davidson, Secretary
Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.

Enc.
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September 26, 1945

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

On the recommendation of the Kansas City Chapter, The Executive Committee of The Institute has acted to waive your past Institute dues for the years 1928 and 1929 in the total amount of \$50.00, provided as follows:

That you address a letter to The Secretary of The Institute at the above address, requesting readmission to membership and also requesting the remission of your past dues.

The Executive Committee and Officers wish to take this opportunity to express their interest in doing all they can to assist you in resuming your membership, and to assure you that everything will be done to expedite consideration of your application when it is received.

Such application should be accompanied also by check in the amount of \$25.00 - \$5.00 of which is for the readmission fee, and \$20.00 of which is for the first year's dues in advance, subject to readmission.

Looking forward to hearing from you in the near future,

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom
4302 Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri

K/g
Copy to the Secretary, Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.

Dated November 27, 19 46
Received December 11, 19 46
Granted January 17, 19 47.

MEMBERSHIP NO 4976



In due order
December 20, 1946
JH Garraway

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
READMISSION TO
APPLICATION FOR/MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant Ernest O. Brostrom Chapter Kansas City
- B Address of applicant 4302 Oak Street, Kansas City 2, Missouri
- C Applicant proposed by _____ and _____
- D Application received with check for \$ 30.00 on December 11, 19 46
(Past dues remitted)
- E Application returned for correction 19
- F Application in due order on December 20, 1946.
Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (Mo.) Dec. 16, 1946. Received January 6, 1947.
- G Notices sent to chapter executive committee:
 - (a) Form S11, reasonable time ending on 19, on 19
 - (b) Form S12, 30 day extension ending on 19, on 19
- H Acknowledgments to applicant, proposers, and chapter on December 20, 1946
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission
~~of what application be denied~~ received on December 11, 1946
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on January 9, 1947
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on January 9, 1947
- M Applicant was admitted on January 17, 1947
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter
to proposers on January 17, 1947
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 19
returned to applicant on

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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

Ernest O. Brostrom

to membership in The Institute, and hereby declare him to be a corporate member of The Institute and assign him to membership in the Kansas City Chapter.

Date January 17, 1947.

Alfred C. Robinson III
Secretary

ERNEST O. BROSTROM
A R C H I T E C T

REGISTERED A-158 MISSOURI
WESTPORT 4957 4302 OAK STREET
KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI

Nov 27 46

The
American Institute of Architects
1741 New York Ave. N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

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expression of a desire for reinstatement as a
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the Kansas City Chapter,

I am, thus informally, requesting
remission of such past dues as may still be of
record against me, and applying for reinstatement
into membership in the association.

Enclosed are checks in the
amounts of \$25.00 and for \$5.00 which I understand
to be for reinstatement fee and for one years dues.

Respectfully,



[Transcript:

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AP No
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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Office of The Secretary

RECORD OF REGISTRATION

OF

Ernest O. Brostrom, Kansas City, Mo.
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,
Jefferson City, Mo.

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 December 17, 1946

Alexander C. Robinson III
Secretary

1. Is the applicant registered or licensed to practice architecture in your state? Yes
2. Was his registration or licensing by examination? yes, oral by exemption? ----
3. What was the scope of the examination? Statutory
4. What was the period of the examination? 1 days. Written examination --- 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 last registration October 2, 1942. Registration No. A-158. Is it current? Yes

Commie J. Wall
(Signature of Secretary of Board)

Missouri State Board of Registration
for Archs. and Pro. Engineers
(Name of Board)

Date January 3, 1947

(Over)

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The pertinent part of Section 11, sub-section (b), of the Missouri Registration law reads as follows:

"Section 11.

(b) In lieu of the requirements contained in paragraph (a) of this Section, a specific record of eight years or more of active experience in architectural or professional engineering work of a character satisfactory to the respective division of the Board to which such application is directed and successfully passing a written or oral examination in the applicant's particular field;"



No AP 4976

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON 6, D. C.
The Board of Examiners

REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF A.I.A. DUES

TO THE SECRETARY
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Name of Applicant Ernest O. Brostrom

Date of Application November 27, 1946 Received by The Board of Examiners 1/9/47

Corporate Membership Record Terminated December 31, 1929 for non-payment of Institute dues.

Indebtedness for A.I.A. Dues 1928-1929 ; \$50.00
(Years) (Amount)

1. The recommendation of the Kansas City Chapter for remission of A.I.A. dues is - attached.
2. The report of the Kansas City Chapter that it has remitted all or part of outstanding indebtedness for chapter dues is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

On the record above submitted The Board of Examiners recommends that the indebtedness for A.I.A. dues owed by the above applicant be - remitted for the period of 1928 and 1929 in the amount of \$50.00.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Thomas H. ...
Madison ...
...

Chairman

Date January 9, 1947

CERTIFICATION OF REMISSION OF A.I.A. DUES

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 directed that the indebtedness for A.I.A. dues owed by Ernest O. Brostrom for the period 1928 and 1929 in amount of \$50.00 be remitted.

Date January 17, 1947

Alexander C. Robinson III

Secretary

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January 22, 1947

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

By direction of The Secretary this will notify you that on behalf of The Board of Directors it was voted to remit your indebtedness for past Institute dues in the amount of \$50.00 for the years 1928 and 1929.

Accordingly, your application for readmission to membership was put forward and acted upon favorably. Enclosed is formal notice of your readmission.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, A.I.A.
4302 Oak Street
Kansas City 2, Missouri

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Copy to the Secretary,
Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.

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January 17, 1947

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

The Secretary is happy to inform you that your application for readmission to membership in The Institute was acted on favorably by The Board of Directors and that you were readmitted to corporate membership in The Institute and assigned to membership in the Kansas City Chapter, effective January 17, 1947. You will be a member of that Chapter, or of some other chapter if you later transfer thereto, until your membership in The Institute terminates.

The Board of Directors welcomes you again to membership in The Institute and The secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising within the chapters. By taking an active part in your Chapter affairs, you will contribute to the advancement of the objects of The Institute and will increase the benefits to be derived from Institute membership.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander C. Robinson, III

Secretary

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, A.I.A.
4302 Oak Street
Kansas City 2, Missouri

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

ERNEST O. BROSTROM
A R C H I T E C T
REGISTERED A-158 MISSOURI
WESTPORT 4957 4302 OAK STREET
KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI

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Mr. Edward C. Kemper:

Frankly, the letters, A.I.A. seem to look good after my name, after these long years.

I wish to thank you, the Board, Mr. Robinson III, and very naturally, the local membership of the Kansas City Chapter for their, and your, kind cooperation in my reinstatement as a member of the Institute, and that you made it for the current year.

Will look forward to the arrival of such notices, forms, and the like that will assist me in being useful to the Chapter and the Institute and that may help me bring down to date as to procedures, standards, and practices that my architecture may be the better. I believe I would find any available past issues of the Journal interesting and await with interest the first issue that may come to me.

Yours truly,



Copy to
Herbert V. Pennington
Pres. K. C. Chapter A.I.A.

*Ernest O. Brostrom
January 17, 1947
When was he reinstated?
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February 6, 1947

Dear Mr. Brostrom:

We are glad to get your letter of February 2 and to advise that since your re-election became effective on January 17 all Institute publications including the Journal will come to you regularly from then on.

So that you will have a complete file, we are sending the January number of the Journal under separate cover and also the February number in case it did not reach you.

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With kind regards and remaining at your service here in Washington, I am

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director

Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, A.I.A.
4302 Oak Street
Kansas City 2, Missouri

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Copy to Mr. Herbert V. Pennington, President,
Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.

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GERRE JONES
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 1, 1960

Miss Florence H. Gervais
 1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
 Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Lloyd Roark tells me that he has discussed this matter with you and suggested that I write asking you to send proper forms to our chapter office for the nomination to emeritus membership of:

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Brostrom, Ernest O. - Born 1888. Mr. Brostrom was a member in pre-war years, his membership lapsed during the war and he was re-admitted in 1945. He continues to conduct a small individual practice.

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Keene, Arthur S., F.A.I.A. - Born 1875. Mr. Keene is a past president of the chapter who has been a member for over 25 years, is essentially retired but still visits his office. A very active practice - Keene and Simpson and Murphy.

Very truly yours,

Angus McCallum
 ANGUS McCALLUM

AM:mc
 cc: Mr. Gerre Jones

February 9, 1960

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Suspense
E. O. Brostrom

Mr. Angus McCallum, President
Kansas City Chapter, A.I.A.
1016 Baltimore Avenue
Kansas City 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. McCallum:

In accordance with your letter of February 1st, we are sending, to the office of the Kansas City Chapter two applications for Membership Emeritus, in duplicate, for Ernest O. Brostrom and Arthur S. Keene, for which both members appear to be eligible.

We would like to call to your attention, however, that Mr. Brostrom is indebted to The Institute for 1959 dues in the amount of \$50.00. In order to permit his election as a Member Emeritus we should have payment for these dues. If the chapter wishes to have these dues waived, it may do so by submitting a recommendation stating its request to The Institute and we will be glad to present this recommendation to The Committee on Membership, along with Mr. Brostrom's application for Membership Emeritus, for consideration and action.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Florence M. Gervais
Secretary of Membership and Records

cc: Mr. Gerre Jones
Mr. Lloyd Roark



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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

February 24, 1960

Miss Florence H. Gervais
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue
N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Gervais:

Attached is the form "Application for Membership Emeritus" of Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom.

I should like, on behalf of the Kansas City Chapter, to most sincerely urge that the Committee on Membership waive the dues on which Mr. Brostrom is presently in arrears to the Institute.

Mr. Brostrom has been one of our very active older members, and has served with great devotion on a number of committees, including that of Preservation of Historic Buildings. Over the years, he has brought to our membership a fine example of real love for the profession and absolute commitment to sincere personal convictions in matters of design.

Mr. Brostrom has not, unfortunately, enjoyed a very wide practice in the post-war years, and we know, as a matter of actual fact, that the expenses of his membership in the Institute and the Chapter, have been most difficult for him.

The Kansas City Chapter will be deeply appreciative of the Committee's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

ANGUS McCALLUM, President
Kansas City Chapter
American Institute of Architects

cc. Mr. Gerre Jones
Mr. Lloyd Roark
Mr. James R. Baker



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, b,
or c, 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 65 years of age, retired, and not engaged in the practice of architecture.~~
- c. ~~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 Kansas City chapter
for 15 successive years or more immediately preceding the date of this application.

Respectfully,

Date December 31 19 59.


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 not the requirements of a, b, or c.

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REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF A.I.A. DUES

TO THE SECRETARY
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS:

Name of Applicant Ernest O. Brostrom, A.I.A.

Date of Application Feb. 24, 1960 Received by The Board of Examiners March 15, 1960

Corporate Membership Record was elected in 1945

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| | (Years) | | (Amount) |
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| 2. The report of the | Kansas City | | Chapter that it has |
| remitted all or part of outstanding indebtedness for chapter dues is attached. | | | |

RECOMMENDATION:

On the record above submitted The Board of Examiners recommends that the indebtedness for A.I.A. dues owed by the above applicant be -- remitted for the period of the year 1959 in the amount of \$50.00 to permit his election as a member emeritus.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Allan Neal
Blair Steinhilber
Charles S. Sweet

Date March 15 19 60

Chairman

CERTIFICATION OF REMISSION OF A.I.A. DUES

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 directed that the indebtedness for A.I.A. dues owed by Ernest O. Brostrom for the period of 1959 in the amount of \$50.00 ----- be remitted, to permit his election as a Member Emeritus.

Date March 22 19 60

Jim Barry
Secretary

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*Members,
Brostrom, Ernest O.*

*Agreed
Brostrom*



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

NOTICE OF ELECTION—MEMBER EMERITUS

TO **Ernest O. Brostrom, A.I.A.**
4302 Oak Street
Kansas City 11, Missouri

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 **March 1, 1960**.

Date **March 22, 1960**.

[Signature]
Secretary

P.S. In accordance with the recommendation of the Kansas City Chapter, The Board of Directors is glad to waive your 1959 dues, thus permitting the above election.

Kansas City Chapter

Copy to City Office

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*Member to
Brostrom, Ernest O.*



ERNEST O. BROSTROM
A R C H I T E C T
WESTPORT¹ 4957 4302 OAK STREET
KANSAS CITY¹, MISSOURI
11,

March 29, 1960

Angus McCallum, President
Kansas City Chapter
American Institute of Architects

Dear Mr. McCallum:

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness, your action, enabling the enstatement in the Emeritus classification in the Chapter and the Institute.

The fact of the crept up necessities, as indicated in the Post Script in the letter from the A. I. A., the Octogon, shadow for me the election into the title's exemptions.

But it is good to feel that I may still be cognized as a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Lack of such recognition had been anticipated with deep regrets and as a professional and personal loss.

I thank you for the anticipation's none matutance.

Sincerely,

Ernest O. Brostrom

Copy to the A. I. A.
Washingto, D. C.

And... thank you for the February SKYLINE... and its presentation of Thomas Benton... and pictures. And its typography.

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

June 17, 1970

Mr. John Leo Smith, Exec.-Dir.
Kansas City Chapter, AIA
800 West 47th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

Re: Death of Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, AIA
on August 23, 1969.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are very sorry to learn of the death of the member indicated above.

For The Institute's Baldwin Memorial Archive records, it would be appreciated if you would have the enclosed forms filled in. Two copies should be returned to The Institute and the third copy is for the Chapter's files.

Sincerely yours,

Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures

MM:bjm

Brostrom, Ernest O.

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER / AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

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John Hancock Building
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Executive Secretary: John Lee Smith
Assistant Executive Secretary: Barbara Vaught



June 30, 1970

Maureen Marx, Director
Membership Procedures
American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Re: Death of Mr. Ernest O. Brostrom, AIA

Dear Miss Marx:

In regard to your letter of June 17, we have very little of the information you requested concerning Mr. Brostrom.

According to my files, his last address was 1604 Terrie Drive, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15017. Other than this, I am afraid I cannot supply you with any other information.

Enclosed are the forms, in triplicate, for the Baldwin Memorial Archive records.

Sincerely,


Landa Williams

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