

Dated June 28, 1949.  
Received July 8, 1949.  
Granted September 20, 1949.

MEMBERSHIP NO 7056



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

RECORD OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTE

- A Name of applicant John Gilbert Buvens Chapter Baton Rouge
- B Address of applicant 210 East Boulevard, Baton Rouge 10, Louisiana
- C Applicant proposed by Richard C. Murrell and William Bailey Smith
- D Application received with check for \$ 10.00 on July 8, 19 49
- E Application returned for correction 19 .
- F Application in due order on July 14, 1949
- Record of registration, Form S39, Sent (La.) July 14, 19 49 Received July 22, 19 49
- 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 July 14, 19 49
- I Certified resolution of chapter executive committee recommending admission ~~or that application be denied~~ received on July 8, 1949.
- J No report from chapter executive committee on 19 .
- K Application sent to The Board of Examiners on September 13, 1949.
- L The Board of Examiners reported on application on September 13, 1949.
- M Applicant was admitted on September 20, 1949.
- N Notice and certificate to applicant and notice of assignment to chapter and letter to proposers on September 20, 1949.
- O Notice of denial of application to chapter and applicant and \$ 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

John Gilbert Buvens

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

Date September 20, 1949

*Carle Lee Dink*  
Secretary

(a)

*In due order  
July 14, 1949  
J. H. Newman*

THE AMERICAN  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



INSTRUCTIONS

Type in all information carefully and sign with ink.

Mail this original and check for \$10.00 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

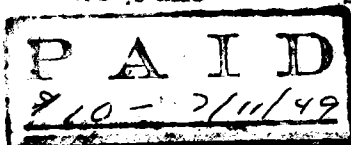
APPLICATION FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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

1. My full name is JOHN GILBERT BUVENS
2. I am a Natural citizen of the United States.
3. My legal residence is in the City of Baton Rouge,  
Parish of  
County of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana.
4. My address in The Institute records will be (Residence and office address the same)  
Number 310 Street East Boulevard,  
City Baton Rouge Zone 10 State Louisiana.
5. I am engaged in the profession of architecture as Practicing Architect
6. I desire to be a member of the BATON ROUGE 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.
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 \$10.00, 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 \$5.00 will be returned to me, and \$5.00 retained by The Institute as an examination fee.

Date 28 June 1949

*John Gilbert Buvens*  
Applicant sign full name in ink



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State whether a natural or a naturalized citizen.

State whether residence or office address.

State whether a practicing architect, a teacher or public official.

## STATISTICS

10. Date of birth 29 Sept. 1910, Place of birth Dallas, Texas.

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

Louisiana.

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

Louisiana (1942)

(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:

<i>Name of School, College, University</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>No. of Years</i>	<i>Year of Graduation</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Univ. of Dallas Academy,	Dallas, Tex.	4	1928	
Dallas Technical School,	Dallas, Tex.	2		
Arts & Decoration Course				
Interior Decoration, Correspondence 15mo.				
Private Study up to 1942: Structural Engineering, Arch. Design, History of Arch., Office Practice, Business Law, Ethics.				

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

Honorable Mention, Honeymoon Cottage Competition, Houston, Tex.  
(Design published July 1928 issue of Pencil Points)

Traveled: 15 States of U.S. (Exclusive of Military Service)

## 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>
1. Lang & Witchell, Architects, Dallas, Tex. (Jr. Draftsman)	1928	1930
2. Sun Oil Company, Dallas, Tex. Surveying (no drafting)	1930	10 mos.
3. Bodman & Murrell, Architects, Baton Rouge, La. (Draftsman)	1935	1937
4. Charles T. Roberts, Arch't. Alexandria, La. (Drafting, Design & Specifications) '37-'40 & 1941-8 mos.		
5. A. Hays Town, Arch't. Baton Rouge, La. (Draftsman-Design) '40-'41		20 mos.
6. U.S. Engineers (Ass't Arch't P-2) Civil Service Rating Alex., La. & Little Rock, Ark.	1941	1943 Oct.
* La. State Board of Arch'l. Examiners, Approved Dec '42, Licensed Jan '43.		

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).

Instructor, Drafting, USS. Army From 1945 To 10 mos.  
Educational Reconditioning Sect., Percy Jones General Hospital  
(Supervised 4 instructors, Convalescent Facility, Ft. Custer,  
possessed approx. 600 students) Battle Creek, Michigan.  
Practicing Architect, address Item 4 above, Feb. '47 to date.

BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

None.

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIPS IN ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

None.

- 16. Member of Institute from to
17. Junior of Institute from to
18. Associate of Chapter from to
19. Junior Associate of Chapter from to
20. Student Associate of Chapter from to
21. Member of State Organization in from to

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 10 1/2 years.

I have known the applicant for 9 years.

Signed Edward O'Murphy Proposer

Signed William Bailey Smith Proposer

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Baton Rouge, La.

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

OF

John Gilbert Buvens, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
(Name of Applicant)

SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS,  
Baton Rouge, La.  
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 July 14, 1949

*Carroll*  
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? Structural Design; Truss Design; Selection & Use of Materials; Mechanical Equipment of Buildings; Counselling & Administration; Supervision; History of Architecture; Architectural Composition; Design Problem
4. What was the period of the examination? 4 days. Written examination Yes 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 first registration Jan. 1, 1943. Registration No. 198. Is it current? Yes  
(However, registration numbers change yearly)

*J. W. Blouin*  
Director

Date July 18, 1949

Louisiana Dept. of Occupational Standards  
(Name of Board)

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BODMAN & MURRELL  
ARCHITECTS  
REYNOLD BUILDING  
BATON ROUGE 6, LOUISIANA

July 6, 1949

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

Gentlemen:

We enclose originals of applications and checks  
in the amount of \$10.00 for corporate membership for the  
following architects:

John Gilbert Buvens  
Robert H. Goodman  
J. Roy Haase

We trust these applications are in proper form.  
You will note that each of these desire to become a member  
of the Baton Rouge Chapter. If the Executive Committee is  
able to approve granting of this charter at their meeting  
next week, it would be greatly appreciated if these appli-  
cations could also be approved so that these members might  
become charter members of the new chapter. This is in accord-  
ance with previous correspondence with you.

We expect to be able to forward several additional  
applications for corporate membership shortly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. Bailey Smith  
A.I.A.  
(Acting Secretary - Baton Rouge Chapter)

WBS/lo

July 14, 1949

Dear Mr. Smith:

Due to meetings of The Executive Committee here in Washington, on July 11 and 12, this is the first opportunity to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 6th, with which you forwarded the applications of Messrs. John G. Davens, Robert H. Goodman, and J. Roy Haase, for corporate membership, together with their checks for \$10.00.

We regret that these applications were not received in time for completion and submission to the July meeting of The Board of Examiners on July 12th, as we must first secure confirmation of their registration to practise as architects, which is a requirement for corporate membership. The Board of Examiners will not hold a meeting in August; therefore, it will be necessary to hold the applications over until the next meeting scheduled to be held in September.

This may be too late to have their names engrossed on the Charter for the Baton Rouge Chapter, as it is possible the issuance of the Charter may be accomplished before that date. However, if it is the wish of the Baton Rouge group, the engrossing of the Charter could be held up until these three members are elected.

Please present this problem to your group and let us know what is decided.

Shortly we will be in a position to notify you of the action taken by the recent meeting of The Executive Committee on the application for a Charter, and you may wish to delay your decision until such notice is received.

As of interest, there is enclosed a circular which outlines the procedure followed in handling applications for Institute membership.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Wm. Bailey Smith, Acting Secretary  
Baton Rouge Group of Architects  
Raymond Building  
Baton Rouge 6, Louisiana

Executive Assistant

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July 19, 1949

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

Attention: Mr. J. W. Rankin, Executive Assistant

Gentlemen:

We received, with a great deal of pleasure, your letter of July 14th, informing us that The Executive Committee approved the granting of a charter to the Baton Rouge Chapter. We trust that the by-laws submitted will be approved by The Secretary. We are, of course, willing to make any changes in them necessary to obtain approval.

Please proceed with processing applications for Messrs. Buvens, Goodman, and Haase which were sent you on July 6th. The members who signed the application for charter have decided to ask you to proceed with engrossing the charter with the original signatures thereon. The new members will be admitted as their membership is approved. We expect to be able to forward you several additional applications in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. Bailey Smith  
Proposed Baton Rouge Chapter, A.I.A.  
by Wm. Bailey Smith, A.I.A., Acting Sec.

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A R C H I T E C T S

Reymond Building  
Baton Rouge 6, Louisiana

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

Gentlemen:

The charter corporate members have voted to elect William Bailey Smith Secretary of the Baton Rouge Chapter; election of other officers has been temporarily deferred.

The Chapter has voted its approval of the applications for corporate membership for the following architects;

John Gilbert Buvens  
Robert H. Goodman  
J. Roy Haase  
Thaddeus A. Broussard  
Raymond George Post  
Ula Lee Manning  
William Benton Harelson  
Lewis P. Manson  
George Randall Thompson  
Perry L. Brown  
John Henry Farrens, Jr.  
Robert Michaux Coleman, Jr.  
Kenneth Charles Landry  
Jesse Oron Morgan, Jr.

We sincerely trust that these applications can be processed as rapidly as possible so that these members may be admitted at the earliest possible date.

Yours very truly,

BATON ROUGE CHAPTER, A.I.A.

/s/ Wm. Bailey Smith, Secretary

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THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 20, 1949

Dear Mr. Buvens:

The Secretary is happy 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 to membership in the Baton Rouge Chapter and the Louisiana Architectural Association, effective September 20, 1949. You will be a member of those component 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 The Secretary's office is at your service to the extent of its powers.

The policies and the activities of The Institute are developed largely from problems arising 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.

We bespeak your active cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mr. John Gilbert Buvens, A.I.A.  
310 East Boulevard  
Baton Rouge 10, Louisiana

GWD/kk  
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Arch. B. 109  
Buvens, J.

BALDWIN MEMORIAL ARCHIVE  
of American Architects

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: John Gilbert Buvens of (address) 358 Westmoreland Drive, Baton Rouge, La.

Born: Sept. 29, 1910 at Dallas, Texas Died: May 8, 1963 at Our Lady of the Lake Hosp., Baton Rouge, La.

Parents: Henry Joseph Buvens and Marie Annie Burt

Married: no of -- on --

Children: none

Education: University of Dallas Academy, 1928 graduate; attended Rice Institute

Training; and practice as Principal: (Firm Names, Places, Dates, Specialization) draftsman, Lang & Witchell, Architects, Dallas, 1928-31; field engineer, Sun Oil Company, Waco, Texas, 1931-32; architect, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Alexandria, La., 1942-43; Charles Roberts, Architect, Alexandria; Bodman & Murrell, Architects, Baton Rouge, 2 years; A. Hays Town, 1941-42, draftsman, and 1945-47, draftsman-designer; private practice, 1947-1963.

Professional Memberships and Service: (Institute and Chapter Activities; Teaching) Preservation Officer, Committee for Preservation of Historic Buildings, Baton Rouge Chapter, AIA, 1955-57; taught architecture and mechanical drawing, Physical Therapy Section, Percy Jones General Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, 1945

Other Affiliations: (Religious, Fraternal, Political, Social) Knights of Columbus Council 969, Deputy Grand Knight, 1954-55; Msgr. Gassler General Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights; La. State Board of Architectural Examiners; Sierra Club; Holy Name Society; Sacred Heart Catholic Church; La. Historical Society, instrumental in organizing little theaters in Alexandria and Baton Rouge. In Baton Rouge, served on first Board of Governors, 1947, was board president, 1946-47; member, play selection committee, 1961-62; set technician, designed sets, last set designed was "Come Blow Your Horn", 1963; member, La. State Geneological & Historical Society, 1959-61.

Public Service: (Civil and Military; Community, State, National) U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, 1942-43 (Civ); U.S. Army, 6th Serv. Command, 1943-45 (Mil); discharged Sgt. T-3.

Published Material: (Articles and Addresses; Executed Work; Biographical Data) listed in American Architects Directory, 1962

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General Background: (Personal Characteristics and Accomplishments; Interests, Digressions, Travels, Friendships, Side-lights, Honors, and Awards.)

Licensed as architect in La. in January, 1943; regularly attended Catholic retreats at Manresa, La. Designed stained glass windows of imported bottle glass, also chandelions stations of cross, St. John the Baptist Church, Many, La. Interested in showing slides of old historical homes and buildings. Honorable Mention, Design Honeymoon Cottage, Post-Dispatch & River Oaks Corp., Houston, 1928. Travels = vacations in Mexico, Canada, throughout the USA. Friendships = Ed Roy, La. Div. Employment Security; Bill Nelson, LDES; Lee Edwards, director, Baton Rouge Little Theater; Myra Landry; Dr. Allie Wolfolk; Alys Heno, Greater Port of Baton Rouge; Charles Wilson, attorney; J. Roy Haase, AIA; T. A. Broussard, AIA; John H. Bogie, La. Dept. Public Welfare, New Orleans; Jack Charters, New Orleans. Interests = theater, historic buildings, antique collector, photographer.

Principal Commissions = Our Lady of Mercy School (3 units), Baton Rouge, 1953, \$300,000; Delmont Elementary School & Addition, BR, 1955, \$112,977; Leo M. Odom Residence, BR, 1955, \$52,852; St. Aloysius Church, BR, 1956, \$164,299, School (2 buildings), 1959, \$175,929, associated with T. A. Broussard; Catholic High School, BR, 1958, \$485,000, associated with Post & Harelson, T. A. Broussard, J. Roy Haase; St. John's Church Restoration, Many, La., 1958; Richard Kelley Residence, BR, 1958, \$53,490; R. F. Cangelosi Residence, BR, 1961, \$63,841; Walnut Hills School Addition, BR, 1958; St. Agnes School Cafeteria, BR, 1954, \$85,000; Baptist Cemetery Chapel, Bethel, La.; James G. Dubuisson Residence, Opelousas, 1962, \$70,000; Baptist Church, Plaquemine, La.; Fire Station, BR; Bishop's Residence, BR, \$360,000; School Board Office, BR; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Francisville, La.; Gilmer Wright Elementary School, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, 1961, \$39,560; Harold J. DeBlanc Residence, 1959, \$28,496; South Scotlandville Elementary School, East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, 1959, \$51,177; Treppendahl Residence, Woodville, Mississippi, 1952, \$60,336; restoration of Morston House, Clinton, La., 1963

Principal Commissions: (Classified, with locations and Reference Data) (Above)

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Compiled by: Mrs. Patt Foster Roberson  
Executive Secretary, Baton Rouge Chapter, AIA  
Acknowledgements: John H. Buvens (brother)

Date: January 25, 1964