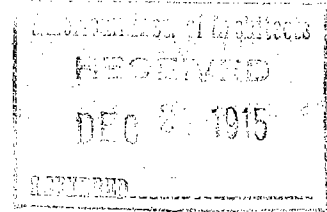


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December 22nd, 1915.

My dear Mr. Clas:-

As required by the rules of the Institute, it is my duty to advise you of the findings of the Judiciary Committee as submitted to the Board of Directors at its meeting in Washington on November 29th, 1915 - in reference to your alleged participation in an unauthorized competition for a coliseum building at Evansville, Indiana. Accordingly the following paragraphs are quoted for your information from the minutes of the Board meeting:

"Mr. Clas was charged with entering into a competition for a Coliseum building at Evansville, Ind., the program for which had not been approved by the Institute's Committee on Competitions. He replied that he did so through inadvertence and carelessness; and expressed his regret for the participation. He also promised to see that the offense was not repeated.

The charge was sustained.

The Judiciary Committee left the question to the Board of Directors as to how far the statements in defense should be considered in mitigation.

On motion duly made it was resolved that Mr. Clas be censured for his participation in this competition".

Therefore, I am advising you by registered letter that in view of the proposed disciplinary action by the Board, you are entitled to thirty days from the receipt of this communication within which to request in writing a hearing in your own defense before the Board, as to why the proposed disciplinary measure should not be imposed upon you. Should you make no such request in writing to the Secretary of the Institute within the thirty days indicated, the proposed disciplinary action will become effective without any further action by the Board. However, should you request an opportunity to be heard a time will be appointed and a place named for such hearing and you will be given due notice thereof.

Should you desire to base an appeal upon questions of profes-

sional or ethical policy, notice of such an appeal must be filed in writing with the Secretary within ten days after the receipt of this communication.

If no appeal is made within thirty days the findings of the Judiciary Committee and the action of the Board of Directors will be communicated to all members of the Institute as required by the rules of procedure.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Alfred C. Clas,
521 Colby Abbot Building,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

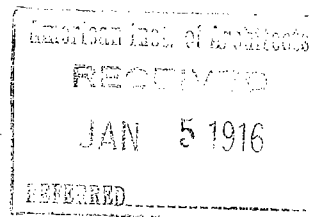
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ALFRED C. CLAS

ARCHITECT
MILWAUKEE

January 3, 1916.

Mr. Burt L. Fenner, Sec'y.,
A. I. A.
The Octagon,
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Fenner:-

Your notification of December 22nd, 1915 is received and noted.

There is no desire on my part for a personal hearing. I stated the facts fully and frankly in former letter. Naturally I regret that action of the character indicated seemed necessary, but as my carelessness and thoughtlessness brought it about, I cannot complain. However, in all fairness no doubt you will gladly do me the courtesy and justice of including with your notice of action, a statement of the fact that what I did was through inadvertance and carelessness, and not because of any intention or desire to ignore the rules.

Thanking you for that much consideration, and regretting the trouble this has caused you all, I remain

Yours very truly,

ACC/LP

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American Institute of Architects

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.



Findings of the Judiciary Committee

Transmitted Herewith to Members as Required by the Judiciary Rules of the Institute

NOTICE

February, 1916.

To the Members of the American Institute of Architects:

The "Rules for the Guidance of the Committee on Practice and the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Directors" require "that all findings of the Judiciary Committee, whether in favor of or against the member involved, with the action taken by the Board of Directors, shall be reported to each member of the Institute." In cases in which the complaint is dismissed, it is the policy of the Board to make publication either by mailing to each member of the Institute or by publication in the Journal, as the member involved may desire. If no preference is expressed, publication is made by mailing. In accordance with these rules I transmit herewith the following:

PART I.

The report of the Judiciary Committee in which it finds that charges of unprofessional conduct are not sustained against Mr. H. P. Schnetzky of Milwaukee, a member of the Wisconsin Chapter. The report of the Committee is as follows:

It was found that the advertising of the firm of H. P. Schnetzky and Son is of the most objectionable character.

Mr. Schnetzky's reply was that he had no financial or other connection with this firm, except that he allowed his son to use his name. For years he had nothing to do with the management of the firm; and was ignorant of the advertising complained of until his attention was called to it by the Wisconsin Chapter.

The Judiciary Committee found that Mr. Schnetzky should not be held personally responsible.

As the charge was dismissed by the Judiciary Committee, no action by the Board of Directors is required, other than this publication of the findings.

PART II.

The report of the Judiciary Committee in which it finds that charges of unprofessional conduct are sustained in the cases of Mr. Alfred C. Clas of Milwaukee, a member of the Wisconsin Chapter; and Messrs. Horace W. Castor and George R. Stearns, both of Philadelphia, members of the Philadelphia Chapter.

The reports of the Committee are as follows:

Mr. Clas was charged with entering into a competition for a Coliseum building at Evansville, Ind., the program for which has not been approved by the Institute's Committee on Competitions. He replied that he did so through inadvertence and carelessness; and expressed his regret for the participation. He also promised to see that the offense was not repeated.

The charge was sustained.

The Judiciary Committee left the question to the Board of Directors as to how far the statements in defense should be considered in mitigation.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly seconded it was resolved that Mr. Clas be censured for his participation in this competition.

Mr. Castor was charged with participation in an unauthorized competition for a Masonic Hospital at Elizabethtown, Pa. He replied with an expression of regret at having "unwittingly transgressed against the Ethics of the profession." He fully acknowledged his mistake, but alleged that his principal concern at the time was to serve his Masonic order.

The charge was sustained.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly

seconded it was resolved that Mr. Castor be censured for his participation in this competition.

Mr. Stearns was charged with participation, as a member of the firm of Stearns and Castor, in the unauthorized competition at Elizabethtown, Pa. He had replied to the charge by acknowledging the participation of the firm. However, it was stated by Mr. Castor that in justice to Mr. Stearns it should be known that he took no actual part in the work.

The Judiciary Committee was of the opinion that only in exceptional cases should individual members of a firm be held not responsible for the action of the firm.

The charge was therefore sustained.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in Washington on November 29 and 30, 1915, this report was considered and upon motion duly seconded it was resolved that Mr. Stearns be censured for his participation in this competition.

BURT L. FENNER,
Secretary.

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Oct. 1, 1936.

Mr. E. C. Kemper
Octagon House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, I was directed to write to you regarding one of our older members, Mr. Alfred C. Clas. Mr. Clas is probably one of our oldest members, in fact he was a member of the Western Society of Architects in the '80s. He has had a long and honored career as an architect and at the present time lives in retirement in Florida. We are wondering whether he would be eligible to join the "Emeritus" group. If he is do we start the ball arolling or does he? Please advise me fully regarding this matter.

We have another member who is high in the '70's but who is still in active practice. I do not suppose he would be eligible for this sacred group until he has retired.

Very truly yours

Alexander Carl Guth
Secretary.

P.S. I am still laid up at my home with my eyelid condition. While this is going on I will appreciate it if you would send my mail to my home -- 3309 N. Murray Avenue.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

THE OCTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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OFFICE TO NOTE
Temporary address of Mr. Guth
3309 North Murray Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Office - Please note
L.F.

October 10, 1936.

Dear Mr. Guth:

Responding to your letter of October 1:

In accord with your letter, and our record here, it would appear that Mr. Alfred C. Clas is eligible for retirement and the title of "Member Emeritus."

We should, therefore, receive from Mr. Clas a letter requesting such retirement, which will be brought before The Board of Directors of The Institute at their meeting to be held early in December for final action.

We trust you will soon be feeling better, and in the meantime have noted for the records here that you desire correspondence from The Octagon to be addressed to you at 3309 N. Murray Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

PHW*B

Executive Secretary.

Mr. Alexander C. Guth, Secretary,
Wisconsin Chapter, A. I. A.,
3309 North Murray Avenue,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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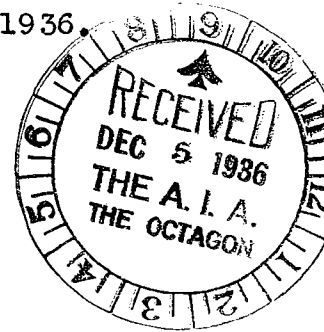
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WISCONSIN CHAPTER
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Dec. 3, 1936.



Mr. E. C. Kemper, Secretary
Octagon House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kemper:

I have had some correspondence recently with Mr. Clas, one of our old time members who lives in Florida. His wife really has done all the correspondence. Mr. Clas is anxious to be placed on the Emeritus list of members. He is one of our honored members and has been in active practice for over 50 years. He has now retired and I see no reason why he should not be given this honor. The trouble is this: Mr. Clas cannot apply for this personally. He has had a stroke which has left his right side practically helpless so he cannot sign his name and I am wondering if I can make this application for him. Will you therefor consider this a formal application on my part, that he be given an Emeritus membership in the Institute. This is done with his full sanction and I hope will prevail.

Very truly yours,

Alexander C. Guth
Secretary.

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March 2, 1937

Dear Mr. Clas:

This will formally advise you that The Board of Directors of The Institute, at its meeting in December, 1936, voted to exempt you from the payment of further annual dues to The Institute and the Wisconsin Chapter, after September 1, 1936.

Accordingly, your name has been placed on the rolls of The Institute as a Member Emeritus.

The Secretary of the Chapter has been advised of the action taken.

By direction of The Secretary.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

K/g

Mr. Alfred O. Clas,
759 North Milwaukee Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.